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Greek Conference For Regency?

Protest From Delegates Leads To Adjournment

Premier Resigns: Churchill And Eden Leave For London

LONDON, December 28.

Unofficial reports tonight from Athens say that the Greek conference today decided in favour of a Regency for Greece.

There was a difference of opinion as to when the Regency should be set up; but a majority of the delegates wanted it immediately.

ATHENS, Dec. 28.

It was stated here authoritatively to-night that Archbishop Damaskinos has adjourned the conference "until such time as he thinks it is necessary to call it again."

CHURCHILL SHOT AT

NEW YORK: The Associated Press reports from Athens that Mr. Churchill was shot at by an E.L.A.S. sniper outside the British Embassy on Wednesday The bullet hit a young woman 300 yards away.

"Not A Deliberate Attack"

Details disclosed today show that General Alexander and General Scobie were with Mr. Churchill yesterday when he had a narrow escape from an ELAS sniper's bullets. Mr. Churchill was about to enter an armoured command vehicle drawn up outside the Embassy gates at midday yesterday when the sniper from the other side of the main Kifissia road opened fire with a machine-gun across the entry of the Embassy building. A Greek woman, 200 yards up the street from where the Prime Minister was standing, was wounded. British soldiers on guard outside the Embassy returned fire with Bren guns and other weapons. The sniper is believed to be the same one who has been covering the entry to the Embassy for the past week using a rifle with telescopic sights as well as a machine-gun. The British sentry outside the gate was wounded in the hand ten days ago and bullets have broken a number of windows in the building. The sniper appears to have a clear field of fire up the main street leading to the Embassy but the British forces have so far been unable to locate him. Though some of the bullets fired yesterday struck a house barely 30 yards from Mr. Churchill's group, there is nothing to indicate that the firing was a deliberate attack on the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

ATHENS: It was officially revealed that the conference meeting broke up after the presentation by ELAS delegates of six demands. No discussion took place on these, but General Plastiras said he considered them unacceptable and the representatives of the Popular (Royalist) Party stated they considered the terms unacceptable and left the room in protest.

E. A. M. DEMANDS

The communique issued from the Archbishop's office confirms that E. A. M.'S. conditions upon which they would accept the disarmament of ELAS forces were firstly, participation of the left in Government by 40 to 50 per cent.

Secondly, Ministries of the interior and justice as well as under-secretaryships of war and foreign affairs to be given to the left.

Thirdly, dissolution of the Gendarmerie and the sending of men to their homes. Fourthly, dissolution of the Mountain Brigade and the Sacred Squadron as well as of new battalion of the national guard.

Fifthly, plebiscite to be held on the first Sunday of February. Sixthly, elections for a constitutional assembly to be held in April.

The communique states that before EAM had presented their views, Prime Minister Papandreau repeated his statement that Government places its resignation at the disposal of the conference to facilitate solution that would lead to pacification and would serve the true interests of the nation.

The communique also records the fact that the majority of delegates expressed themselves in favour of immediate institution of regency while the minority suggested postponement. It adds the Archbishop reserved the right to convene the conference anew.

ELAS DEMAND "UNWORKABLE"

Archbishop Damaskinos to-day asked all party leaders to submit to him in writing their views on the EAM terms submitted to the conference. They were not discussed yesterday as a number of delegates left the conference room as a protest against them.

It is expected that the Regency question will be settled very soon after yesterday's unanimous decision by the conference.

British circles in Greece describe as "unworkable" the ELAS' demand for a plebiscite in February and an election in April, owing to complete lack of machinery for holding free and fair elections, especially if these are to be by secret ballot as suggested by Mr. Churchill at the conference.

Clearing Athens And Piraeus

The Allied Mediterranean Communique on Thursday said:—

GREECE: The process of clearing Athens and Piraeus of insurgent forces is progressing slowly but satisfactorily. There are indications that insurgent troops who entered Athens and the Piraeus area this month are now moving out to positions in and astride the road leading into the city area and that resistance within the built up area is being offered by original Athens ELAS corps and their supporters.

This force concentrated in three main sectors—Piraeus, northern and south-eastern districts of Athens. An insurgent attack early yesterday morning against R.A.F. landing ground in the area was repulsed.

In Piraeus, General Zervas' forces continued to fall back under strong ELAS pressure and he has been forced to evacuate Igrumenitza. The situation elsewhere is unchanged."

EXPLOSIONS IN OUTSKIRTS.

From Reuter's special correspondent in Athens (Thursday): Heavy guns fire continued spasmodically all night. Buildings in the centre of the city were shaken by extremely heavy explosions, apparently in the outskirts. For an hour after dawn today, there was continuous chatter of machine guns. At 7 a.m. heavier gunfire was heard from Ardhittos hill which was seen to be dotted by flashes of bursting shells.

GEN. ZERVAS' WITHDRAWAL.

In Wednesday's fighting, British forces supported by tanks cleared a small area north-west of Acropolis, taking 170 ELAS prisoners. Outside Athens a British mobile patrol captured 150 ELAS men in a swoop in the locality of Voula. In Epirus, General Zervas is now reported to have withdrawn southwards to high ground covering the neck of Preveza peninsula.

GREEK PREMIER RESIGNS?

ATHENS, Dec. 28: Unconfirmed reports here state that the Greek Premier, M. Papandreou has telegraphed his resignation to the Greek King suggesting the appointment of a regency of three members.

Earlier reports suggested that M. Sofoulis would be asked to form a new Government.

CHURCHILL AND EDEN LEAVE FOR LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 28: Unofficial reports reaching here from Athens state that Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden had left for London and would suggest to the Greek King the setting up of a regency.—Reuter.

Award Of Victoria Cross

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

The year 1944 closes with one more distinction for the Indian Army—the announcement of India's 18th Victoria Cross. The supreme award has been made posthumously to rifleman Sher Bahadur Thapa, aged 23, 9th Gurkha Rifles, of Galechhap village, Tanhu district, Nepal. He gave his life while rescuing wounded comrades in an action on the Adriatic sector of the Italian front.—A.P.

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NOTICE TO READERS

Monday being New Year day, the office of the "Bombay Chronicle" will remain closed. There will, therefore, be no issue of the "Bombay Chronicle" on Tuesday, January 2, 1945.

No Foreign Experts

Medicos Disapprove Govt.'s Policy

CAWNPORE, Dec. 28.

Disapproval of invitation to India of foreign medical experts by Government of India and concern at the increased appearance of spurious drugs were expressed in the main resolutions adopted at the second day session of the All-India Medical Conference to-day with Dr. Jivraj Mehta in the Chair.—A. P.

GOVT. OF INDIA'S "QUAINT" BAN

LONDON, Dec. 28: The recent ban imposed by the Government of India on entry into British India of "Civil War in France" by Karl Marx and "Paris Commune" by Lenin is characterised as "quaint" by "A Daily Worker" columnist to-day who asks, "do they think that Marx and Lenin write about the France of to-day? or is it just an old-fashioned idea of not giving people ideas?"—Reuter.

Egyptian Premier Siezes Funds In Name Of Nahas Pasha

CAIRO, Dec. 27.—Ahmed Maher Pasha in the capacity of Military Governor of Egypt has seized in the name of the Egyptian Government 140,500 pounds subscribed for the Upper Egypt Malaria Fund during the Wafd administration and deposited in a bank in the name of Nahas Pasha.

About ten days ago Makram Ebeid Pasha, the Finance Minister, sent a twenty-page letter to Nahas, threatened seizure of the money if it was not handed over to Government. He claimed the money was collected in the name of the Egyptian Government. Nahas retorted that the money was collected by and disposable by the Wafdist Party and not by Government.

GAZDAR INTRIGUING AGAINST PREMIER?

KARACHI, Dec. 28.

Mr. Yusaf Haroon, Mayor of Karachi and a prominent Muslim Leaguer, has addressed an open letter to Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, pointing out the dissensions amongst the League Ministers on the one hand and open conflict between the Ministry and Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Provincial Muslim League, on the other. He says that Mr. H. M. Gazdar, Minister, was intriguing against the Premier despite assurance of loyalty conveyed through Mr. Jinnah himself.

Mr. Haroon says that Mr. Syed had arrogated to himself the position of a dictator of Sind. He had defied both the Sind and Central Parliamentary Boards in regard to Shikarpur by-election. In short it has become impossible for any one to get on with him. Concluding Mr. Haroon says that the League Ministry will not survive at the first opportunity much less the Budget Session. He appeals to Mr. Jinnah to put the Sind Muslim League in order.—United Press.

The Government of Bombay has decided to continue its scheme of granting legal assistance to members of Aboriginal and Hill Tribes for another year from April 1, 1945, in the five Districts of East Khandesh, West Khandesh, Nasik, Broach and Panch Mahals and Thana.

"TRANSFER POWER TO MASSES"

Radical Democratic Party Conference Demand

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

The Radical Democratic Party Conference passed resolution demanding transfer of power to the masses and the establishment of a people's Government.

The Conference endorsed the demand of the Radical Democratic party for the reconstruction of the Viceroy's Executive Council into a provisional Government composed of men committed to clearly formulated principles of democratic freedom and to give the Indian people the opportunity of framing a constitution of the country on the basis of those principles. It deplored the Viceroy's failure to adopt the proposed democratic procedure.—A. P.

FIVE LAKHS ALLIED TROOPS FOR PACIFIC

BRISBANE, Dec. 28: The Queensland Minister of Agriculture, emphasising the need for an all-out production effort, intimated that 500,000 or more men were coming to the Pacific war zone to support the Allied forces already there.

Air Raid Alert On Kyushu Island

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.

An air-raid alert was sounded on Kyushu island, the southernmost of the Japanese home islands, at 12-27 (B. S. T.), to-day, according to a Japanese radio broadcast picked up here.

Sumner Welles On Poland

Major Surgical Operation Needed For Stability In Central Europe

NEW YORK, Dec. 28: The former Under-Secretary of State, Mr Sumner Welles in a broadcast deploring lack of more active American policy over the Polish issue said: "The solution proposed by the British and Russian Governments constitutes a major surgical operation which in my judgment offers the best chance for future stability in Central Europe".

NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY

BRUSSELS, Dec. 27.

Prime Minister Pierlot speaking in the Chamber of Deputies here today said, "I received formal assurance from high Allied Authorities that the military situation is well in hand and that the German advance towards the west is contained, says Reuter's special correspondent.

I am informed that the enemy is being counter-attacked with success on the north and the south of his salient. There is no cause for anxiety. I am authorised to tell you this."

M. Pierlot called on the population to remain calm and said, "Belgian authorities must remain at their posts except when ordered to leave by their superiors. There have been several failings in this respect and inquiries have been opened. This must not happen again."

France Formally Joins United Nations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The State Department announced that France will formally join the United Nations on New Year's Day.

Red Army Tightens Noose Round Budapest

GERMAN GARRISON WITHDRAWS TO INNER DEFENCE RING

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The German Overseas News Agency said to-day that the garrison of Budapest had withdrawn to the inner defence ring.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Soviet troops yesterday captured the Budapest suburb of Kelenfeld, only one mile from the Royal Palace in the heart of the city. The Defenders of Budapest have been split into two isolated groups. Russian armies under Tolbukhin have linked up at St. Endre on the west bank of the Danube opposite the island of St. Andras.

Soviet forces also captured Felsogal, 25 miles west of Budapest.

RED ARMY'S INFILTRATION TACTICS

MOSCOW (From Reuter's Special Correspondent).—Soviet assault troops have started block by block advance into Budapest. In conditions where every substantially built house is a fortress the Red Army is pursuing infiltration tactics working its way through streets on the fringe of the capital in small storming parties each supported by a tank or mobile gun.

The twin Soviet armies are today tightening the noose round Budapest in preparation for an all out assault from east and west. Marshals Tolbukhin and Malinovsky—both veterans of Stalingrad—have pooled huge armies under their command for complete liquidation of Hitler's Budapest grouping.

The Germans bewildered by the speed of the Soviet blows are only now realising the full significance of their plight. Burning German supply dumps glowed throughout last night. Soaring rockets and gun flashes lit up all parts of the horizon. Red Army guns now within range of all the jagged strip of territory still in German hands are already sweeping German positions near the Danube elbow north of the city. A considerable body of German and Hungarian troops has been isolated there.—Reuter.

German Drive Towards Meuse Halted

LONDON, Dec. 28.

German armoured columns which were driving towards the Meuse from Rochefort have been halted at Celles and Ciney. Increasing Allied pressure across difficult country is being exerted on the southern flank. American forces thrusting from south have made contact with the troops in Bastogne who had been fighting in isolation for seven days.

The Germans announced that their forces on several sectors in Luxembourg have been taken back to the outposts of the Siegfried line. Allied air forces continued heavy attacks on German transport and communication centres and made more than 3,000 sorties.

ALLIES REGAIN ORIGINAL POSITIONS

SHAEF, PARIS (Thursday): Today's communique from General Eisenhower's Headquarters states: "Allied forces in Holland continued to encounter active patrolling by the enemy along river Maas north of Tilburg and north of Venlo. The enemy made a small local attack at Gerbroek three miles south-east of Maeseyck. Our troops after a slight withdrawal counter-attacked and regained their original positions. The Morschau-Malmedy sector remains quiet with both sides carrying out active patrolling.

ADVANCE SOUTH-EAST OF BASTOGNE

Allied forces advancing from south have made contacts with units holding Bastogne at a point about three miles south of the town. During the period of encirclement the units in Bastogne inflicted severe damage on the enemy.

In the area south-east of Bastogne we cleared the enemy from Bonnal and Insenborn and crossed the Sure river in three places near Bonnal. Eschdorf was cleared of the enemy after heavy fighting and a strong enemy counter-attack with infantry was repulsed in the vicinity of Ringel. North-west of Echternach we encircled Beaufort and are mopping up in Berdotf.—Reuter.

BERLIN COMMUNIQUE ON "MOBILE BATTLE."

BERLIN, Dec. 28: The German communique to-day says that the deep German salient in the Belgium-Luxembourg area has led to a mobile battle on "the greatest possible scale". Allied divisions have been brought to this sector from other parts of the front. Lively positional fighting is reported from upper Alsace on either side of Keysersberg. The German-Hungarian garrison is offering fierce resistance at the inner defence ring in Budapest. North of the Danube the Germans withdrew to the westernbank of the river Gran.

A supplement to the communique says: "The German army which returned from Finland is now standing at the ready in northern Norway in full strength able to face any task with which it may be confronted."—Reuter.

PAPER CONTROL ORDERS

Govt. Of India Delegates Certain Powers To Bombay Govt.

The Government of India has delegated certain powers under the various Paper Conrol Orders to the Government of Bombay and to the Paper Controller, Government of Bombay.

From December 2, 1944, one copy of all newspapers, as defined in the Paper Control (Economy) Order, 1944, published in Bombay Province after June 12, 1944, should be furnished to the Paper Controller, Government of Bombay, instead of to the Paper Controller, India. Similarly, periodical returns of paper, other than newsprint acquired, consumed or otherwise disposed of by printers, publishers and manufacturers of exercise and account books are to be submitted to the Paper Controller, Government of Bombay, and not to the Paper Controller, India.

The following powers have been delegated to the Paper Controller, Government of Bombay: (a) To determine the normal issue of a news paper; (b) to authorise transfer to another person rights of ownership of a newspaper; (c) to authorize the operating of any printing press which did not operate regularly before the coming into force of the Order, and to change the name of, or change from one district to another district the location of a printing press; and, (d) to determine what shall be a reasonable quantity of paper required for printing any document, etc.

The Government of India Notifications regarding the delegation of these powers have been republished in the "Bombay Government Gazette", part IV-C, dated December 14, 1944.

The office of the Paper Controller, Government of Bombay, is now located in the Secretariat, Mayo Road, Bombay.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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New York, Dec. 28.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

New York, Dec. 28.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors dol. 62 1/2.
Am. Copper Min. dol. 27 3/4
U. S. Steel Corpn. dol. 58 5/8.

Patil For Nagpur

Mr. S. K. Patil will preside over the C. P. and Berar Shop Assistants Conference at the Town Hall in Nagpur on Sunday next. The Nagpur Municipality will present him with a civic address on the New Year's Day. He will also address an informal conference of Congress workers of C.P. and Berar at Nagpur. Mr. Patil will leave for Nagpur on Saturday.

CHEMICAL, INDUSTRIAL & PHARMACEUTICAL LABORATORIES

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The ninth annual general meeting of the Chemical, Industrial and Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Limited, was held this evening at 289, Bellasis Road, Byculla. A dividend of Rs. 12 per share, as recommended by the Directors, was approved by the Shareholders.

The two retiring Directors, Dr. M. J. Nicholson and Mr. K. A. Hai were re-elected. The Hon'ble Mr. B. H. Zaidi, Chief Minister and Minister of Industries, Rampur State, was unanimously elected a Director of the Company.

The Chairman, Dr. K. A. Hamied made a general review of the industrial situation in the country and sounded a note of warning against undue optimism for the future. He laid stress on the introduction of ethical and moral principles in the formulation of industrial policy which alone could prevent exploitation of one country by another and save the world from its constant troubles of which the present world war was a tragic manifestation.

STOP PRESS

CONGRESS LEADERS & SAPRU COMMITTEE

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

There is no foundation whatsoever in reports emanating from New Delhi that Government would either release Congress leaders under detention or allow them to co-operate with the Sapru Committee if they so desire.

ELAS OUT TO FIGHT TO FINISH

ATHENS, Dec. 28.—In a signed document, M. Mithos Partsalides, Secretary of the EAM Central Committee and one of the three EAM delegates to the Greek Round Table Conference emphasises that ELAS forces are spread throughout the whole of Greece and determined to fight to the end "for liberty, democracy and the independence of Greece."—Reuter.

CONGRESS BID TO CAPTURE LABOUR

Trade Unions To Be Organised On Gandhian Lines: Patil Explains Four-Month Plan

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A bold attempt to capture labour by organising trade unions on Gandhian lines has just been undertaken by the Congress in Bombay.

Ten unions have already been started and according to the present schedule, every section of labour will be covered by the Congress within the next four months.

The main feature of a Congress-organised labour union will be that the labourers themselves will be trained to conduct the affairs of the union. In other words, every union will have an executive dominated by genuine representatives of the working classes.

Detailing the plan of work in an exclusive interview to the "Chronicle", Mr. S. K. Patil, Secretary of the B.P.C.C. said that the Congress intended organising unions not only in those branches of labour where no unions exist to-day but also in such of the industries where the existing unions are weak or dormant.

NO CLASS HATRED

"Our methods are Gandhian", said Mr. Patil. "While we believe in class consciousness as a necessary result of trade union activities, we do not believe in class hatred. We have immense faith in the good qualities of a human being and it is always possible to adjust the relations of the employer and the employed to mutual interest."

Explaining the attitude of the Congress-organised labour unions towards strikes, Mr. Patil said that they will not encourage strikes if it is found that a strike is detrimental to the industry. "We believe" said Mr. Patil, "that the protection of the industry on which labour lives is as much a consideration of a worker as of the employer. The strike will be regarded as a last weapon to be put into operation rarely."

TRIAL FOR TRUSTEESHIP

The principle of trusteeship which has not been given a sufficient trial so far will be given a trial.

Explaining why the Congress wanted labourers to hold key positions in the unions, Mr. Patil said: "The present experience is that the professional people who do not belong to the labour ranks have occupied most of the key positions in trade unions. This has weakened the trade union movement and turned the genuine labour ranks into a set of parasites This method of organising labour must disappear. The Congress aim will be to teach workers to conduct their own affairs in a responsible way."

PLEA FOR RELEASE OF SIND DETENUS

HYDERABAD (Sind), Dec. 28.—A Conference of the Sind Students' Federation considered the fourteen-point constructive programme outlined by Mahatma Gandhi and asked its Executive Committee to report on the part the students could play in implementing this programme.

The Federation appealed to the Government of Sind to release all students who had been detained without trial since 1942 and requested the authorities to remove the ban imposed on 'Satyarth Prakash.'—A.P.

SAPRU WON'T GO TO DETENUS

Mahatma Will Send Him Memorandum Giving His Own Viewpoint

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 28.—"I am not going to ask anybody who is not free to express his own opinion," said Dr. Sapru when asked whether he intended to enter into correspondence or desired to interview members of the Congress Working Committee with a view to eliciting their present views on the political and communal problems in India. He further said: "I have not thought of these things at all. I have only asked Gandhiji to send me a memorandum giving his own viewpoint."

Asked as to who will represent the Congress under such circumstances Sir Tej Bahadur said: "Well, the Congress resolutions are there, and besides Gandhiji's memorandum I can write to any free leader of the Congress."

GANDHIJI BETTER

WARDHA, Dec. 28.—Mahatma Gandhi is feeling better to-day. It is learnt he will continue his work-fast till January 10. He will open the Basic Education Conference at Sevagram on January 11.—A.P.

150 Selected For Village Workers' Training

WARDHA, Dec. 28.—Hundred and fifty out of 500 candidates have been selected for the one month village workers' training camp opening at Sevagram on January 11. Practical and theoretical lessons in village uplift work will be given to the workers during the course.—A.P.

Pyarelal's Task

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 28.

With approval and blessing of Mahatma Gandhi, Prof. Agarwal of Wardha has prepared a scheme called Gandhian plan against fifteen years plan of Indian Industrialists. Steps are being taken to forward this plan to industrialists in India, Britain and America. It is understood Mr. Pyarelal, Secretary of Mahatmaji, is considering steps to be taken to give widest publicity to this plan.

Educational Conference At Sewagram

WARDHA, Dec. 27.

The National Educational Conference is to begin from January 11, next, at Sewagram. It is understood that the Hindusthani Talimi Sangh has set before itself the educational problems of 7,00,000 villages and the Conference is likely to discuss the pros and cons of the practical application of the Basic Education Scheme, with a view to enlarge its sphere of activity. It is expected that Mrs. Blagden will attend the Conference on behalf of the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal. —United Press.

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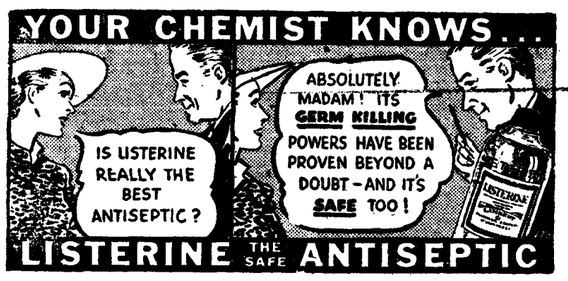
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VIRTUAL VOICE OF INDIANS IN NATAL

Anti-Segregation Council Represents 29 Organisations With 16,000 Members

DURBAN (By Air Mail) Dec. 11.

Dr. G. M. Naicker, Chairman, and Mr. Debi Singh, Secretary, of the Anti-Segregation Council write:

The Anti-Segregation Council of Natal represents 29 organisations, whose total membership is 16,000. Actually the Anti-Segregation Council through its many mass meetings can truly be regarded today as the voice of the Indians in Natal.

Its policy towards the Natal Indian Congress briefly is this—

It regards the Natal Indian Congress as a body which should be democratically strengthened to constitute the sole and consolidated national organ of the Indians of Natal. Therefore the Anti-Segregation Council is a body not competing with the Natal Indian Congress as a national organisation, but is a body aiming at the consolidation of Congress and further, aims at making the Natal Indian Congress truly representative of the people.

Ever since the passing of the "Pegging" Act in 1943 the Anti-Segregation Council has demanded the unconditional repeal of the Pegging Act. It did not support the Pretoria Agreement and is opposed to the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance, and is also opposed strongly to the Expropriation and Housing Board Ordinances. It has demanded the recall of the High Commissioner and non-co-operation with the Natal Indian Judicial Commission.

On the constructive side we have asked for the restoration of the franchise on the common roll—Parliamentary franchise, which was taken away in 1896, and Municipal franchise taken away in 1924. Further, it asks for the removal of provincial barriers, i.e. free movement of Indians throughout South Africa and free and compulsory education for Indians.

On December 3, 1944, a huge mass meeting of Indians was held in Durban, numbering approximately 8,000 and the meeting unanimously supported the demands of the Anti-Segregation Council and asked the Natal Indian Congress to put them into effect.

PRETORIA AGREEMENT DEAD

The Pretoria Agreement is now dead. We are informed now, officially through the High Commissioner that the Government of India was never a party to the Pretoria Agreement under which Indians conceded to the right to occupy property anywhere. The Pretoria Agreement was agreed upon by Congress Committee but never received the approval of the Indian people as a whole.

At the time of writing the Government has suspended the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance, but has signified its approval of the Housing Board and Expropriation Ordinances.

Indians must fight for the vetoing of these three ordinances as they constitute a definite plan to segregate the Indians in Natal.

At the time of writing even the Natal Indian Congress has decided to boycott the Natal Indian Judicial Commission, to oppose the Expropriation and Housing Board Ordinances and to appeal to world opinion. We are in support of this new stand of Congress and we hope that the Natal Indian Congress will, in so doing, rally the support of every Indian in Natal—rich and poor. In fact, although this stand is belated and should have been taken at the time of the Pegging Act, it can never be too late for the 250,000 Indians in South Africa to decide upon really strong action.

We want the people and the Governments of the United Nations to strongly support the demands of the disenfranchised Indians in Natal. It is only in strong pressure as indicated that the Government of South Africa will be made to realise its obligations to a disenfranchised national minority.

ARAB NATIONALISM

A Lesson For Indians

KARACHI:

Pir Ilahi Bux, Education Minister, Government of Sind, returned to Karachi from 'Haj' after an absence of about nine weeks.

Giving his experiences to the 'United Press' he said, "The wave of nationalism has swept Arab countries. They have organised a united front against outside inroads. The Arabs, although among them were large sections of Christians, felt proud in calling themselves Arabs first and Christians next."

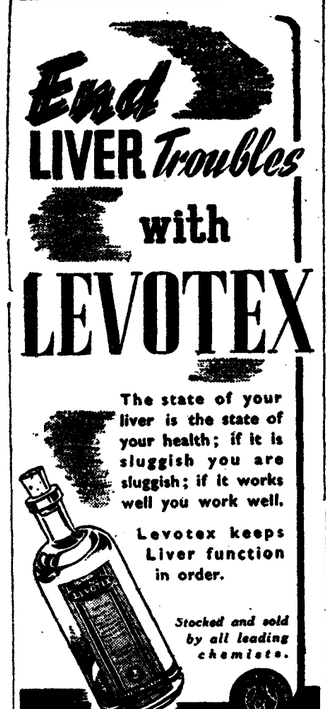
Examples of remarkable unity among Muslims and Christians came to his notice. He said: "In Syria, although Muslims were in majority, the Prime Minister was a Syrian Christian. In Lebanon where Christians, are in majority, a Lebanonese Muslim was the Prime Minister. They might have internal differences but while dealing with external issues they were unitedly one. Arab federation was an eloquent example of their intense nationalism."

Continuing Pir Sahib said, "Arab countries proved lesson for India to learn. Likewise the Hindus and the Muslims in India should be Indians first than anything else." According to him Arabs had no sympathy with Indians owing to their internal quarrels and consequent slavery.

Pir Illahibux visited Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Palestine and Saudi Arabia. "Barring Egypt which is growing to be a capitalist country," he said, "other Muslim countries were Russian. He was surprised to see Arab women wearing European costumes with slight veil.

Pir Sahib who had travelled on return journey by "Nizwani" complained bitterly about food and medical attendance.

RABKAVI, Dec. 28.—The Twenty-eighth session of the Karnatak Literary Conference was opened here this morning under the Presidentship of Prof. S. S. Basavnal.—A.P.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The chief causes of the increase in revenue, says the report of the Chief Conservator, were the increased supply of timber for war purposes, the re-sale of charcoal purchased for civil supplies, the high prices received for minor forest produce and for timber sold in depots and the supply of firewood to the Services. Emergency exploitation measures had to be increased to meet the increasing demands from the Defence Department, while more than 163,000 tons of charcoal had been collected for civil supplies up to the end of June, 1944.

During the year the Military Farms Department took on lease five additional kurans. The revenue realised from grass and grazing was Rs. 2,94,460, against Rs. 1,98,003 in the previous year. An innovation has been a system of rotational grazing for 13 villages in Satara which has been favourably received by the villagers. The number of villages will shortly be increased by 25.

In furtherance of the "Grow More Food" campaign, lands were given out for cultivation wherever possible. The campaign was carried out vigorously in all forest settlements in the Central Circle, with the result that there was an appreciable increase in the area under food crops.

There was a decrease in the number of forest offences. Cases of damage by fire declined, both in number and in the area burned, due to prompt and effective measures taken by forest subordinates. There has been a marked improvement in the attitude of the villagers of East Khandesh Division in the matter of putting out forest fires.

Another feature of the year's working was the opening of more dispensaries in the heavy forest tracts of Kanara consistently with the more intensive working of the areas.

Plea For Better Working Conditions Of Indian Nurses

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 25.

"I have read with considerable appreciation the remarks of the Viceroy expressing solicitude for the nursing profession in India and that I hope that His Excellency will intervene to bring about an immediate revision of the appalling and disgraceful conditions under which girls of this country are required to train and work as nurses in civil hospitals", observed Mr. Frank R. Anthony, President of the All-India Domiciled European and Anglo-Indian Association, in the course of a speech last Thursday at the annual general meeting of the Jubbulpore branch of the Association.

Mr. Anthony further remarked that "the housing and feeding conditions were normally those which applied to menials. It is only because Anglo-Indian girls, who came from the most respectable families, had a definite love for this profession that they continued to get training and work under the most terrible conditions of drudgery and hardship. But for the Anglo-Indian women there would have been no military nursing services and almost no nurses for the civil hospitals." What was immediately required, Mr. Anthony added, was an increase in the dieting allowance to at least Rs. 2 per day, uniform allowance, increase in the monthly stipend of trainees.

SHOLAPUR, Dec. 27.—Honnargi, a village near Sholapur, was the scene of a cold blooded murder in broad daylight, according to a report received here. It is stated a group of villagers gathered in front of the house of Mr. D. S. Patil, and severely belaboured him with lathis and axes as a result of which he succumbed. Mr. Patil's mother and four other persons who went to save him received injuries in the scuffle and were removed to hospital.—United Press.

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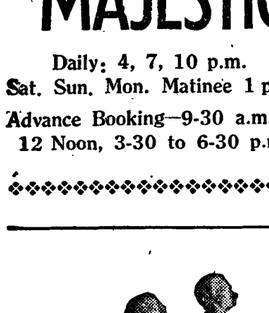

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Fire In Docks Quickly Extinguished

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Director of Information writes: A tar boiler, being used in construction work, caught fire in the Bombay Docks about midday today (Thursday). The fire was extinguished within a few minutes and no damage was done.

All-India Students' Conference

For the purpose of the All-India Students' Conference which is to be held in Bombay, on 30th, 31st December and 1st January, 1945, delegates from other provinces have arrived. (In all 150 from Gujarat, 75 from Maharashtra, 50 from United Provinces and 50 from Marwad.

On 30th instant the Domestic Servants Cooks, Hotel workers, Motor drivers and other labour workers belonging to different Trade Unions run by the Bombay Students' Union, will present their programme.

On 1st January workers of the Bombay Students' Union will arrange cultural festival for students.

The Conference will be held at Ruia College Maidan, at Dadar, students are requested to enrol themselves as volunteers at the office of the Bombay Students' Union (42, Kennedy Bridge).

RECEPTION TO HUMAYUN KABIR.

Mr. Chandrakant Dalal, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, and Mr. Prabhakar Kunte, Jt. Sec. of the All-India Students' Federation, write:—"Prof. Humayun Kabir president-elect of the All-India Conference, is reaching Bombay on 30th instant, at 10-30 a.m., by the Nagpur Mail. The Reception Committee has decided to accord a reception to the president. The Nagpur Mail reached Dadar, at 10-30 a.m.

RANGA TO PRESIDE OVER CITY STUDENTS' CONFERENCE.

MADRAS, Dec. 28.

Prof. N. G. Ranga, M. L. A. (Central), has accepted the invitation to preside over the All-India Nationalist Students' Conference which is meeting in Bombay on December 30. He will start for Bombay to-day reaching there on December 30.—United Press.

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Hightide: 12-34, —
Lowtide: 7-02, 18-40.

To-day's Engagements

INSURANCE SOCIETY: Annual General Meeting at 6 p.m. at the office of the Society.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER will meet the elected members of Ward No. 5, to-morrow (Saturday), at 6-51 a.m. (B. T.), at the Round Temple, and go round with them in the Ward.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: The January monthly meeting of the Improvements Committee which should ordinarily be held on Tuesday, the 2nd January, 1945 will not be held on that day, but will instead be held here on Tuesday, the 9th January, 1945, at 2-30 p.m. (Bombay Time).

BURMA EVACUEES' ASSOCIATION: The members of the All-India Burma Evacuees' Association will meet, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta at a tea party at Taj, to-day, at 6 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Differentiation of Species" from The Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge, Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, Friday 6-15 p.m.

PUBLIC MAJLIS: A public majlis will be held to-day, at Kesarbaug Dongri, at 9-30 p.m. (N. S. T.), when Hyderabad's well-known orator Allama Rashid Turabisheb will deliver a sermon on "Development of Human Mind."

SRI KRISHNA MUSIC ACADEMY: Pioneer Middle School, Telang Road, Matunga, 7 p.m. Sri Rajalaxmi Vocal music; 8 p.m. Sangita Vidwan Sri L. Parashuram Iyer Vocal music.

ALL-INDIA STUDENTS' CONFERENCE: A meeting of the delegates for the All-India Students' Conference will be held in the office of the Bombay Students' Union (42, Kennedy Bridge), at 6-30 p.m., to-day.

FLAG SALUTATIONS: The programme has been arranged by "C" Ward Congress Committee, on Sunday, at 8-30 a.m. to 9 a.m., spinning and at 9 a.m. the monthly flag salutations in Bhagatwadi Bhuleshwar Kabutarkhana.

SOVIET EXHIBITION: The exhibition will remain open between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. up to the night of 1st January with additional visiting hours between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Sunday and Monday next. It is located at the Podar College of Commerce, Matunga.

SRI GURU SINGH SABHA: "Sardar Ishar Singh Majhail a veteran Akali leader was entertained by Bombay Sikhs at a tea party at the Taj, on the 27th inst. About 40 notable Sikhs and non-Sikh gentlemen responded. Mr. Y. G. Pandit and Mr. Abid Ali Jaffarbhai were also present. Sardar Majhail exhorted his fellow brethren to continue serving the Panth and the country most zealously."

WAZAT SANKLI STREET: Moulvi Abdul Alim, Moulvi Mohaddis Saheb and Moulvi Arifullah will deliver Moharram Sermon, to-morrow (Saturday), at 10 p.m. (S. T.), at first line Sankli Street.

MAZDAZNAN: To-day (Friday) at Mazdaznan Temple Hall, opp. Churchgate Station, at 8 a.m. Exercise Class; at 9 a.m. Special Study Class conducted by Mother Gloria. At 6-15 p.m. Special lecture on "Uncrowned King" by Mother Gloria.

A. I. S. A. KHADI BHANDARS: A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar, Kalbadevi and its Branches and Khadi Printing and Dyeing Works Khadi Shop, Girgaon will remain closed on the following dates for sales on account of half-yearly stock-takings:—

A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar, D'Silva Road, Dadar, 31-12-44, Sunday; Khadi Printing and Dyeing Works Khadi Shop, 95A, Vithalbhai Patel Road, 31-12-44, Sunday; A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar, 336, Kalbadevi Road, 1-1-45, Monday; A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar, Bhandarkar Road, Matunga, 1-1-45, Monday.

CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS RE. INSANITATION.

Personally to receive and to attend to citizens' complaints re. insanitation, etc. on the spot, Mr. N. B. Parulekar, Public Relations Officer, Bombay Municipal Congress Party, will, during the next week, be present between 9-30 and 10 a.m. as follows:—(1) On Monday, the 1st January, 1945, in front of Mr. Gunda Kamath's "New Vishranti Griha" Hotel, at Kalachowki Naka Tram Road: (2) On Wednesday, the 3rd, at Mr. Madhavrao's "New Madhavashram" Hindu Hotel, Pydhonie Junction; (3) On Friday, the 5th in front of Mr. C. M. Prabhu's "Swarajya Hindu Restaurant", Sayani Road and DeLisle Road Junction; and (4) on Saturday, the 6th, at 8-30 a.m. near Bhuleshwar Fire Bridgade Station at the time of Municipal Commissioner's round.

Permanent Commissions In Royal Indian Navy

A permanent career in the Officer Cadre of the Royal Indian Navy, is offered to successful candidates competing for vacancies to be filled in the near future.

An open competitive examination, conducted by the Federal Public Service Commission for entry into the regular cadre of the Royal Indian Navy, will be held, commencing on April, 2, 1945. Of the eight vacancies offered six will be for the Executive Branch, and the remaining two for the Engineering Branch.

Candidates must have been born not earlier than November 2, 1925, and not later than November 1, 1927. Last date for the receipt of applications, by the Federal Public Service Commission at Simla is January 22, 1945.

Full particulars are obtainable direct from the Secretary of the Federal Public Service Commission, at Kennedy Houes, Annexe, Simla, S. W.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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244 m. (1,231 kc/c)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Sundrabai. 8-45 Todi. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 Dattoba Tavde. 9-45 Gujarati Gane.

12-30 p.m. Marathi Bhavgeet. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Variety. 5-0 R. G. Joshi. 5-30 Instrumental Trio. 5-45 Leela Bai Mundkur. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Aunty Hilda's Happy Half-Hour (E). 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 Commentary (G). 6-50 Leela Bai Mundkur. 7-0 Navi Marathi Pustake (M). 7-15 R. G. Joshi. 7-35 Patdeep. 7-45 Film Music. 8-0 Bhavgeet. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Topical Talk. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 World Affairs. 10-0 Gujarati Songs. 10-15 Sundra Bai. 10-30 Dattoba Tavde.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 28: Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 9 hours I. S. T. on December 25, 1944:—

Allahabad 78 49 0, BOMBAY 85 70 0, Calcutta 85 60 0, Cawnpore 75 52 0, Cuttack 87 65 0, Dehra Dun 69 41 0, Delhi 71 40 0, Darjeeling 48 36 0, Jacobabad 74 41 0, Karachi 79 59 0, Lahore 68 35 0, Lucknow 79 49 0, Madras 83 68 0, Nagpur 80 60 0, Patna 79 58 0, Peshawar 68 37 0, Shillong 62 43 0, Simla 49 38 0.—A. P.

'QUAKE SHOCK RECORD.

BOMBAY, Dec. 28.

An earthquake shock of slight intensity with its epicentre about 5,925 miles away from Bombay and its origin about 100 miles below the surface was recorded by the seismographs in the Colaba observatory at 10-8 p.m. (I. S. T.), on Wednesday, December 27.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Intelligence, directed aright, invariably makes man the master of his fate.

Carl Stephenson.

The Bombay Chronicle

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

In his presidential address at the Fifth Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, held at Naini on Tuesday, Sir Manilal B. Nanavati dwelt at some length on the huge and complicated problem of agricultural planning. The bigness of the problem is evident from the simple fact that it affects the lives of about 80 per cent of the population of the country or over 300 million souls. Its complicated character may be gauged from the facts, rightly emphasised by Sir Manilal, that the vast territories involved differ sharply in their productivity and conditions of production, that the rural population is composed of various grades of civilisation and that "within each class or community we have men with special characteristics which react on economic development", men of various castes who are influenced by age-long social customs and religious beliefs which lead to unproductive expenditure and perpetual indebtedness. All this demands a thorough laborious study of the various factors which affect agricultural production in various types of land before any comprehensive plan or plans can be formulated.

Sir Manilal feels, not without reason, that the principal plans so far published are defective in one way or other from the point of view of rural welfare. Thus he thinks that the memorandum prepared by the Government of India at the Hot-Springs Conference deals mainly with technical improvement but does not contemplate "the resetting of the uneccnomic holder and the landless tenant." The Bombay Government's plan, he points out, does not touch land problems except in respect of the consolidations of holdings. The Ten Thousand Crore Plan mentions only soil erosion, the liquidation of old debts and the consolidation of holdings or co-operative cultivation. Mr. M. N. Roy's Plan, though having an appreciably wide programme of land reform, does not go far enough. Sir Manilal does not himself offer a full plan of his own. As stated above, such a plan requires considerable investigation by many men. He only suggests broadly that "what we need is a comprehensive plan which would first go to the foundations of our economic and social structure, analyse the root causes of our various evils and then provide an adequate organisation for their removal." We believe that such a plan can be formulated only by a popular, responsible Government. But the present Government can at least gather the necessary materials. It can organise what Sir Manilal calls a rural census "which would give a complete idea of the strong and weak points in the social structure of India's rural society."

While it must be admitted that a full and final plan demands much study and investigation, humbler but fairly efficacious plans of rural development should not be much delayed. There is already too much distress in the countryside to brook delay in relief. Gandhiji and his assistants have rightly set about preparing immediate schemes of rural welfare through whatever constructive work may be possible and necessary in any particular area. Agricultural work should not be wholly isolated from such other supplementary work as may be necessary to maintain the agriculturists. Experience gained through such work will not fail to be helpful in the preparation of bigger plans with special reference to agriculture.

"LI. G." Retires

So Mr. Lloyd George has decided to retire from Parliament. This decision will be received with wide regret by all the British parties irrespective of political differences. Lloyd George, with fifty-four years' continuous representation from the same constituency—an unbeatable record—did not so much represent as constitute in his own person an epoch in the modern history of Parliament. One of the most brilliant and versatile of parliamentarians—a better debater than Winston Churchill, Lloyd George has written many a chapter in the constitutional, political and social history of Britain. Nearly thirty-five years ago he laid the foundations of social insurance and also put the House of Lords firmly and bluntly in its place to the chagrin and indignation of noble Lords and the Tories of England. And, of course, he is the man reputed to have won the last war. But "Ll. G." has had his demerits. His ousting of Asquith in order to become Premier himself is not exactly a bright story. And if he won the last war, he also helped to start at Versailles the present. And the old Radical of Carnarvon and the Boer War later became a great Imperialist of Downing Street. The Middle East has good reasons to remember him and we in India have not forgotten his "Steel-frame speech". But, despite his failings—some of which he sought to make good later as, for instance, when he practically supported the General Strike in 1926—Lloyd George is entitled to tribute as one of the great men of Twentieth Century Britain.

Frankly Speaking

A German Set-Back

The Germans have reported their own withdrawal in certain sectors in Luxembourg to the outpost of the "Western Wall" on the German frontier. This is good news because it shows that General Patton's Third Army has begun to exert substantial pressure. Even better is the report that some of his armoured columns have driven up to make contact with the beleaguered garrison of Bastogne. If this means that the garrison has at last been relieved and Bastogne saved, von Rundstedt's southern flank has not only been contained effectively but is also about to be pushed back. Von Rundstedt, however, is reported to be transferring his attention to the north and Liege, but General Eisenhower should by now be ready for it. And if the weather continues to be fine for Allied air might, it is not without the bounds of possibility for von Rundstedt's great offensive to be virtually defeated by the end of the week.

Greek Deadlock

Mr. Churchill was apparently expressing a mere pious hope when at his press conference he expected that the Greek Round Table Conference would succeed. It has been adjourned indefinitely with no hopeful feature beyond the fact that there was general agreement about establishing a Regency. We have read the terms given by E.A.M. and we are left wondering what there is so fundamentally objectionable as to have led certain delegates to withdraw from the Conference. We are also left wondering whether EAM representatives could not have been persuaded to accept their terms as the basis of negotiations instead of insisting on their being final and immutable. As the situation is, one can only see further tragic happenings ahead with the deadlock among the Greeks themselves and the British resolve to press on with their military policy.

Rays Of Hope

There are only two rays of hope in an otherwise dark atmosphere. Mr. Churchill has announced a meeting "before long" of the Big Three to deal with the Greek problem. The second is the general approval to the establishment of a Regency under the Archbishop of Greece. The situation may greatly deteriorate between now and when the Big Three meet, increasing bitterness and implacable hostility on all sides. That will render the task of the Big Three more difficult than it is today and may even lead to some misunderstandings among themselves which may well produce repercussions beyond Greece and the Greek problem. If, however, the Greek Archbishop is immediately appointed Regent, he may, in the meantime, be able to do something. He can get the opposing elements together again for a conference. But even if the conference failed he could do much in an effort to check the situation from deteriorating too badly.

Chimur And Ashti Cases

In adopting a resolution appealing to the Viceroy to exercise the prerogative of clemency in respect of the accused sentenced to death in the Chimur and Ashti cases in the Central Provinces the Hindu Mahasabha has voiced the feeling in the whole country. There is no attempt on anybody's part to justify the offences committed by these men or to suggest that they should escape penalty altogether. But it is widely felt that in the present political condition in the country commutation of their sentences to those of transportation for life will not only meet the ends of justice but will appreciably assuage the bitter public feeling caused by the memories associated with these men and places. It will be an act of statesmanship as well as clemency to commute the sentences as desired by the public.

Release Dr. Ghosh

In a letter to his sister, Dr. P. C. Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee, says that he had to be operated upon under general anaesthetic for piles and fissure, that he was unconscious for four hours after the operation, that he is now only 91 pounds in weight and that "God alone knows what purpose he has behind this suffering". It is said that the Government of India has allowed Provincial Governments to deal with the Congress leaders as they like. In the present circumstances there is little to choose between these Governments. However, it will not be long before the Government will have to yield to pressure from the public. But cannot Government show this much humanity as to release untried prisoners who are seriously ill and bedridden?

Merited Criticism

The organisation of medical relief in India is notoriously defective and its many defects were fully exposed by Dr. Jivraj Mehta in his presidential address at session of the All-India Medical Conference held in Cawnpore. He pointed out, for instance, that in rural areas there was hardly one qualified medical man for every 30,000 of the population, that medical help in jails was extremely inadequate, and that as a result of this and bad diet "hardly any detenu escaped from some illness or other." As regards medical organisation, Dr. Mehta pointed out how "in the eleven administrative areas or provinces in the country, each with its own Surgeon-General or Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, not a single one of these eleven officers is at present an Indian." This is intolerable racial discrimination against Indians in their own country. Dr. Mehta has good reason to ridicule Lord Wavell's talk of "a National Government in India now." But evidently British officials in India do not care for ridicule, however merited, so long as they enjoy power and fat salaries.

Red-Tapism

How the hardships of sick men in jail are aggravated by undiscriminating red-tapism is well illustrated by Dr. Mehta's revelation of how even Gandhiji was not allowed by the Inspector-General of Prisons to speak to him, though Dr. Mehta was summoned to examine Kasturba. The Inspector-General said that he needed Government's permission before he could allow Gandhiji to speak to the doctor about his wife who was seriously ill, though, as the doctor points out, "the interval of eight hours in taking him for consultation gave sufficient time to ask for such permission on the 'phone."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Sympathy is the only charitable gift of some people.

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The man whose bluff is not sometimes called never existed.

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If gossips would stop to think their tongues would get a much needed rest.

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Man is said to be a free moral agent, but there are some married men who are doubters.

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Poverty is said to be a sure cure for dyspepsia, but the cure may be worse than the disease.

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When you hear a married man say that he hasn't made up his mind about a thing, he means that he hasn't asked his wife about it.

DEATH OF ACHARYA NARENDRADEV'S BROTHER

Mr. Sri Prakasa, M.L.A. (Central), writes:—

The sad and premature death of Dr. Yogendra Deva of Fyzabad, the popular and public-spirited physician, needs more than a mere passing mention in the press. Dr. Yogendra Deva belonged to a highly respected family of Fyzabad, being the son of Shri Baldeva Prasad, the eminent lawyer and pious gentleman of the last generation. He was the youngest of three brothers, the eldest Mr. Mahendra Deva being a well-known lawyer in Oudh, and the second is the famous Acharya Narendra Deva a member of the Congress Working Committee and, as such, a detenu in the Ahmednagar Fort, and one of the most learned men of the day, whose active work is the political field, but whose real love, for a wonder, is Pali Literature and Buddhist Philosophy, of which he is a past master.

The sad incident of Dr. Yogendra Deva's passing, is not without its political implications. Because of the cruel and helpless position in which he is, Acharya Narendra Deva could not see his brother even during the last moments. Acharya Narendra Deva is a real academician in every sense of the word; and for sheer intellect, he is hard to beat. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru once speaking to me about him, said that there could be few men in the land like him; who have known him more intimately, can testify to the genuine greatness, goodness and moral and intellectual eminence of Acharya Narendra Deva. He is one of the finest speakers on the Indian platform and his knowledge of literature and philosophy, of history and politics, is truly encyclopedic. Why he is in jail—how a man like that can ever be in jail—is a marvel and a wonder to me. Only the Government of India—or a Government I dare not mention—can have the temerity to keep a man like that in jail. If Einstein can be banished, at least Narendra Deva can be kept in jail!

Narendra Deva has been a martyr to asthma since boyhood. I see his letters to his family. I know how he suffers, whatever the Government may say for the consumption of the world. Of late his chief anxiety has been his brother to whom he was greatly devoted, and he constantly wrote to his son to take the greatest possible care of Dr. Yogendra Deva. He was anxious that I should procure penicilin from the Government of India for his brother which had been twice refused by the Board that controls it. I am grateful to Sir Jogendra Singh for having acceded to my request and obtained the drug for the dying Doctor. It, however, arrived too late when the diseased had passed beyond all human aid; and so the doctor is now dead.

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What a comfort it would have been if Acharya Narendra Deva could have been allowed to visit his brother before the end; but we live in a tragic world and in a land that is full of tragic deeds. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad could not see his dying wife; Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru could not see his dying brother-in-law; and no wonder Acharya Narendra Deva could not see his dying brother. Let the world listen and gape; but ultimately we ourselves are to blame for what we suffer. A people get the Government they deserve; and though I know we fully deserve our Government, I also know we are unworthy of our great leaders.

Dr. Yogendra Deva was not only a skilled physician and surgeon, he was also a warm hearted and sympathetic gentleman; and many a man in Fyzabad and outside has reason to be grateful to him for many kind and generous deeds. The Fyzabad jail has always been a concentration camp for "B" class politicals. Our prisoners there could always depend on Dr. Yogendra Deva meeting their varied demands; and when suddenly released at odd moments—as jail authorities are in the habit of releasing their prisoners towards the end of their term—the unfortunate stranger (from other districts) was always sure of a warm reception besides free board and lodging at Dr. Yogendra Deva's place.

My heart is very full as I write this. To his old mother, to his elder brother, to his wife and children I send my heart-felt condolences in their grievous bereavement and irreparable loss. To Acharya Narendra Deva who was denied by a cruel Government of even the comfort of being present at the death bed, and for whom the sad news must have special poignancy, I sent my most affectionate sympathy. I may only hope that this death will bring home to our people the reality of the situation in which they live. May they realise their responsibility and do the right thing so that the Government also may be compelled to right the wrongs that it is heaping on a helpless people with callous disregard of humane considerations, and alas! —and there lies the sting—with impunity. May Dr. Yogendra Deva's soul rest in peace. May his great and distinguished family find comfort in the thought that their sorrow is shared by countless friends as their own.

Meteoric Growth Of Uzbekistan

MIRROR OF SOVIET NATIONAL POLICY IN ACTION

(By P. PETROV)

Special Cable To "Bombay Chronicle"

There are few peoples in the world who have progressed so far in so short a time as the people of Uzbekistan. That is a highly noteworthy fact.

Its significance, however, becomes greater still when it is remembered that the Uzbek people have gained distinction not by some happy caprice of history but by virtue of the national policy of the Soviet Union, and that what can be said about them is applicable, in greater or lesser degree, to all the formerly backward peoples of Tsarist Russia, who are now equal members of the Soviet Commonwealth of Nations. Indeed, the Uzbek people with whom all Soviet peoples join in celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, are a mirror of the Soviet national policy in action.

Before the people of Russia turned the wheels of history forward and set up a Soviet state, there were Uzbeks but no Uzbek State. Tsarist policy denied Uzbeks their right to nationhood. For St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), their land was a mere colonial outpost. Its inhabitants did not merit any place by themselves in the pre-war world. One of the editions of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" had very little more to say than that they "are subdivided into clans and lead a semi-nomadic life". Handicrafts were at the height of their industrial development; agriculture was ante-diluvian; ancient culture had been dwarfed and stunted by the aridity of political climate.

To-day you find Uzbekistan in any reference book. Given the right nationhood by the Soviet state Uzbeks have taken seven league strides along the highroad of progress.

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MATURITY

Political maturity and an inalienable place among the nations of the world have been followed by economic maturity. Primitive handicrafts and production have been replaced by large-scale machinery by iron and steel, chemical, aircraft, textile, coal and oil production. Scientific farming methods and irrigation development have elevated farming to a point where Uzbekistan is third among the world's great cotton producers, surpassed only by the United States and India; she feeds her population with homegrown grain instead of having to bring in huge quantities from elsewhere, and has become a country of large-scale power farming. Abject ignorance and superstition have been replaced by universal education. Witch doctors have been supplanted by the Uzbek Academy of Sciences, Uzbek researchers are in all fields of knowledge.

Native, material and intellectual resources of Soviet Uzbekistan, inherited from the Uzbekistan colony of Russian Tsars, obviously were insufficient to insure progress as great as she has made to date. Alone she would not have been able to cover the distance from the primitive goatskin water wheel to the Farkhad hydro-electric development in a brief period. The march of time was accelerated by the fraternal union of Soviet peoples built up by Lenin and Stalin. Not alone and in face of hostility did Uzbekistan embark upon her new history, but with the aid of more advanced Soviet peoples, first and foremost the Russian people, and surrounded by friendly atmosphere of the association of nations out to build up better life for each and all. As part of a political and economic union of Soviet peoples ushered in by the October Revolution the union is aiming at the maximum development of all members of partnership.

Uzbekistan received things she did not have from other Republics and gave them what she produced. But in that exchange she got much more than she gave. This was in line with the national policy proclaimed when the Soviet system came into being. From the beginning the task was to elevate backward peoples of old Russia to the level of its most advanced sections in Central Russia.

UNIVERSAL EDUCATION

Indicative in this connection is the fact that if enrolment at schools in the Russian Federation increased by 1937 3.4 times over the 1912 rise, in the Uzbek Republic it amounted to 53.1 times over 1913. Russian scientists and engineers helped Uzbeks in the great undertaking to transform their country. Material aid flowed in to launch industrial development and mechanized agriculture. This fraternal assistance has had its telling effect also in the war time development of Uzbekistan's economy.

It was on this basis of political and economic co-operation for the common good organized and led by the Soviet Government that moral and political unity of the Soviet people was forged. This is the unity of interests achieved in the course of a joint building up of better life,—unity that has proved its invincible strength in the present war. From it has grown the unbreakable friendship of all nations of the U.S.S.R. their unanimous resolution to perpetuate their Soviet gains and to forge further forward to greater and greater prosperity. Hence, at the present moment, the resolution to speedily achieve victory in this war and to uproot Hitlerism once and for all.

As a mirror of the life-giving effect of the Soviet national policy Uzbekistan launches upon her twenty-first year as a constituent Republic of the U.S.S.R. and also as an example of selfless heroism and all-out effort the Soviet peoples are investing in the common cause of all the freedom-loving mankind.

With more than 50 heroes of the Soviet Union and 24,185 recipients of other decorations for valour Uzbekistan, with her population of six millions has shown that she has taken her full share of the burden at the front and in the rear. She has done that because she does not want to lose a single one of the gains the Soviet power has given her and because she is determined to continue along her path of progress after the war is won.

(From the "Moscow News", December 23, 1944).

OUR READERS' VIEWS

"Vote Of Censure Against Chundrigar"

Sir,—I shall thank you to publish the following rejoinder to Mr. Zari's statement "Vote of Censure against Mr. Chundrigar" published in your issue of 9th December.

Mr. Zari gives two grounds on which, according to him, the so-called vote of censure against Mr. Chundrigar was passed; one is according to him the ruling of Mr. Chundrigar and the other is Mr. Chundrigar's responsibility in respect of sending of notices of the annual general meeting.

Mr. Zari contends that the term 'giving a notice' means issuing of notice and not its service. Mr. Zari states that there are some authorities which favour his view. Unfortunately Mr. Zari has not quoted any such authority in his article for the benefit of your readers. Mr. Zari was present in the meeting, he did not point out any such authority then, nor did any other member. Not only that but the view which he puts forward now was not even remotely touched or put forward by him or any one else in the meeting. The dictionary meaning of the word 'give' does not bear the meaning sought to be given to it by Mr. Zari now. Webster defines the word 'give' as follows:—

"to deliver or hand over: to deliver or transfer (to another something that is 'taken by him' to hand or hand over; to furnish or serve; deliver or yield by bodily action."

None of the aforesaid meanings convey the idea either of sending or issuing. All the meanings emphasise the idea of delivery and service. If at all, the word "to give" appears to be stronger than the word "to serve" as is shown by the emphasis laid upon the fact that giving involves the idea of bodily action and, also, involves the idea of taking by the person given to. Even if there were any such authority as is contended for by Mr. Zari, there is not the slightest doubt that the word to "give" as used in the context of Rule 61 cannot bear that meaning. If Mr. Zari were correct, then the second sentence in the rule which runs as follows was not necessary:—

"Such notice if dispatched under a certificate of posting or in dispatch book shall be deemed to have reached the members in due course."

If the date on which a notice is posted or issued is the material date for the purpose of computing the number of clear days, then where was the necessity for stating in the latter portion of the same rule that "when the notice is dispatched under a certificate of posting or in despatch book it shall be deemed to have reached the members in due course." This clearly shows that the material date for computing the number of clear days is not the date of its despatch but the date on which the notice is deemed to have 'reached' in due course. Again Mr. Zari has conveniently omitted all reference to the point of order raised by me in the meeting that I and some other members of the Provincial League were not given any notice of the meeting as required by Rule 61. The absence of such a notice was alone a sufficient ground for the meeting being illegal. Mr. Zari forgets that the ruling of the President was based on this point of order also.

On the second point Mr. Zari states that "the Joint Secretaries in consultation with Mr. Chundrigar and according to his direction called the annual general meeting on the 3rd of December 1944. This is entirely incorrect. The date of the annual general meeting was fixed by the Working Committee in its meting of the 19th November and it was then the duty of the Secretaries under the rules to give the requisite notice. Mr. Zari, the Joint Secretary, was in charge of the English section of the Provincial League Secretariat and as such is entirely responsible for the failure to give requisite notice of the annual general meeting.

Mr. Zari has purposely misrepresented the resolution of the Working Committee of the 1st December on Mr. Kittur's letter. The Working Committee did not decide that "the notice satisfied the requirements of rule 61 and, therefore, was proper." On the contrary when a suggestion to pass a resolution to this effect came from a member of the Working Committee, I vehemently opposed it, and, thereafter, the only resolution passed by the Working Committee was to the effect that the date of the annual general meeting cannot be changed.

The text of Mr. Chundrigar's telegram to Mr. Kittur entirely supports what I have stated above and disproves Mr. Zari's allegation that Mr. Chundrigar's telegram was his clear ruling."

Mr. Zari has stooped so low as to make mean and undignified attacks against the President under whom he worked as a Joint Secretary for a year without the least complaint. Probably he has done so on the temptation of Secretaryship offered to him by his present friends, though only a few days before the election, he attacked them in wildest language and exposed them in a letter to me wherein 'inter alia' he said, "If you want to save Provincial League from such hands, we must be alert."

ABDUL KADER SHAIKH,
(Member, Bombay Provincial Muslim League Working Committee).
Bombay.

Ceylon Buddhist Federation Chief For Bombay

COLOMBO, (By Mail).

Mr Sri Nissanka, K.C., M.M.C., President of the All-Ceylon Buddhist Federation left for India by the night mail of the 17th instant, and will take the opportunity of visiting Bombay, in order to inaugurate a branch of the Federation in that city.

Mr. Nissanka goes with a mandate from the Federation to do all that is possible to prevent the filming of the Life of Lord Buddha.

MESSAGE OF CHRIST

His Gospel Of Love, Poverty And Non-Violence Find Their Echo To-day In Gandhiji's Teachings, Says Kher

Addressing a public meeting of fellowship held under the auspices of the Bombay Pastors Union on Tuesday at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House, Byculla, with Rev. Canon F. R. Shivkar in the Chair, Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier, speaking (in Hindustani) on the subject of "Jesus Christ", said that there was a time when if a devout Hindu, which he claimed to be, had participated in the celebration of the birthday of Christ it would have been resented by the community; but he was very pleased to find that there was a large concourse of all people—Hindus, Muslims and Christians—gathered there to celebrate the advent of Christ in this world. For himself as he looked upon the essence of all religions worth the name to be the same. He attended the celebrations with the same devotion as he attended the celebration of the birth of Lord Krishna or the birthday of the Prophet of Islam. Not mere toleration, but respect for all the great religions of the world was his creed.

Turning to the teaching of Christ, Mr. Kher said, he understood its inward and true significance when he read the book called "My Religion" written by Count Leo Tolstoy in 1889. There he discussed how Christians and the Church dismissed the true teaching of Jesus as impractical and as only a distant objective to be aimed at, but not to be lived in every day life. The object of Christ in teaching what he did was to show a new way of life to the people. How could any Christian, therefore, believe that anything which he 'taught could be impractical?

GOSPEL OF NON-VIOLENCE

He said: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." This is the gospel of love, which is "Ahimsa" or non-violence.

Continuing, Mr. Kher said: 'Even today there is a great man who tries to live according to the teaching of Jesus, who says we must not resist evil by evil, who preaches truth and non-violence, who has followed the teaching of Christ, namely, "Give up all and follow me": but as in the days when Christ lived His contemporaries did not understand and admired Him but crucified Him so also we fail to understand that great man who is amongst us. Even now after two thousand years of Christ, I want you to consider whether you who profess to be Christians live up to the teachings of Jesus. That is the true significance of the celebrations of His birthday. Those of us who are Christians must become better Christians. Those of us who are Hindus and those of us who are Muslims must try to follow the teachings of the great Prophets who taught the truth regarding their religions. Then alone shall there be a right and proper understanding among the Hindus, the Muslims, the Christians and the followers of other different faiths in this country. This is the message of Christ as I understand it."

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

He (Mr. M. N. Roy) added: "History placed this choice before India five years ago. The Radical Democratic Party rose out of that crisis to advocate the choice of freedom. To-day the issues are sharper. The choice of freedom against Fascism can no longer lay one open to the malicious charge of helping imperialism."

Mr. Roy asserted that the danger of Fascism had grown in India; the Radical Democratic Party, he said, had however, grown equal to measure up with the task of fighting the danger.

—Comrade M. N. Roy at the All-India Democratic Party Conference at Calcutta.

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At the end of his speech to Greek Round Tablers, Mr. Churchill, before withdrawing, assured them: "We will not trouble you unless you send for us again."

The warring Greeks may regard it as some sort of compensatory consolation in their misfortunes. But they will be wrong.

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A really grievous doom threatens these Greeks. For, Mr. Churchill has told them that in case the internecine conflict doesn't end Greece will be temporarily put under International Trust.

But while we don't deny the provocation or the recalcitrance of the Greeks we do wish somebody would persuade Mr. Churchill (1) that the punishment threatened is too cruel and (2) that he should try the friendly and kindly method of reforming the Greeks, to wit, taking them—under the protection of the Imperial Shield permanently.

Mr. Churchill really shouldn't be so hard on the Greeks.

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INDIA DEFICIENT IN ESSENTIAL DRUGS

British Rule Blamed

—Headlines.

What utter nonsense! It is an absolute historical untruth. If there is one category of supplies which India has never lacked it is "essential drugs" thanks to British Rule.

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Sir Paw Tun, ex-Premier of Burma, is reported to have said in a speech in Bombay: "We have made the creed of charity as the platform of our future existence and will receive you (Indians) with open arms."

The oratorical piece is what Mr. Punch would class among "things that might have been put better."

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Of course, we are grateful to Sir Paw Tun for his charity, being, however, somewhat thankful that we are making some contribution, very modest though, by shedding our blood and undergoing hardships in Bengal, Assam and elsewhere, to the freedom of Burma.

It isn't much but we have enough faith in the large-hearted generosity of Sir Paw Tun to accept it as a humble return for his promise of future charity.

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By the way, we hope Sir Paw Tun has enjoyed his stay in India.

We apologise to him for our failings in the matter of hospitality. But we hope he would overlook them.

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The Women's Sub-Committee of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee has says a Madras report, recommended against co-education in secondary classes.

We loudly and most thankfully applaud the recommendation.

TWO KINDS OF INDIAN POLICE MEDALS.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28: His Majesty the King, Emperor of India, has been pleased to command that in future the Indian Police Medal when awarded "For Gallantry" shall be distinguished from the medal awarded "For Meritorious Service", each of which will bear above words of the reverse.

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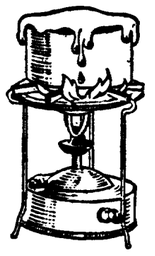
Don't Spill Milk:
Save it



When milk overflows while boiling or is otherwise spilt on the ground, the whole family has to go without it. But perhaps you do not realise that so far as children are concerned, you are spilling milk daily, unwittingly of course, in various ways.

Milk to-day is in short supply and all children, whose food it is, do not always get it. But they can get it if only you would stop spilling their milk by drinking it yourself, by using it in sweets, by adding it to your tea.

SPARE ALL THE MILK YOU CAN FOR CHILDREN

They need it most

R.A.S./5

Heads Of Schools Have To Fight On Three Fronts

Problems Of Headmasters Before Conference Of Bombay Provincial Federation

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"A Headmaster who is constantly learning, improving, growing, creating, contributing and accepting, is an inspiration to teachers and pupils. One who is a finished product and has ceased to learn will soon become fossilized and a dead weight for the progress of education. Above all let him be a man rather than a master or a head!"

Thus observed Dr. G. S. Khair presiding over the Bombay Provincial Headmasters' Conference held under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Federation of Headmasters Associations at the Convocation Hall on Thursday afternoon. About 200 headmasters from all over the province were present.

Dr. Khair further observed that if all of them were good men and efficient headmasters the nation might rest assured that the education of its children was in right hands.

NEED FOR TRAINING

Stressing the need for the training of headmasters Dr. Khair said:—"Although we have borrowed and assimilated the modern ideas of progressive education and applied them in our relations with the pupils, we do not possess as yet a consciously formulated philosophy of supervision and administration to guide us in adjusting the relations between the various human components of the educational machinery—the teachers, headmasters, supervisors, inspectors, and other authorities. In the absence of a uniform training and a systematically formulated body of principles, the only course available for us is to exchange our experiences and select the best existing practices for our use. The collective thinking and guidance of such a conference should be useful to us in formulating a body of common principles to guide us in our work and in the solution of our problems.

SOCIAL CHANGES

Regarding social changes in education the speaker said: "Primary education, being concerned with the imparting of fundamental instruments of learning, is not vitally affected by the changes in society. Collegiate education caters to the needs of those who want to specialize in certain branches of knowledge, and therefore is not subject to the constant changes in the non-academic world. The case of secondary education is far different from the other two stages of education. It is so closely associated with the needs and aspirations of society, that unless it adjusts itself to the changing demands of the times, it ceases to become serviceable to the people. This fact is more marked at the present time when things are changing so fast that education is unable to keep pace with the times and is lagging behind. The same thing has happened to secondary education in other countries also. During the last twenty years vast changes have taken place in society and these will be still more accentuated in the next few years. They call for fundamental changes in the outlook, organization, and syllabus of secondary education."

FINANCES

Adverting to the problem of financing of the secondary education the Speaker observed:—"The financial factor is the most potent influence in secondary education. At the present moment it is seriously undermining the material, academic and moral foundation of our schools. Owing to the poverty of resources, schools are unable to supply the material equipment necessary for modern education. It has become impossible to maintain high academic standards, and worst of all, the relations between the human components of our schools—pupils, teachers and authorities—are undergoing a change.

"The changed attitude of Government in financing secondary education is to a large extent responsible for the evils that have crept into the system. At a time when expansion is taking place at a rapid pace, and the need for material resources is becoming greater, Government has pursued the policy of gradually reducing the percentage of grant-in-aid. The maximum rate that was given at one time was not very high. It was 33 per cent of the total admitted expenditure. Now it has fallen down to 20 per cent and a number of schools are not fortunate enough to get even the least that is their due! A government that insists upon full control of secondary education, should be ready to pay adequate price for it.

Under these circumstances who is financing our secondary education? The respective share in the expenditure of high school education is—

Pupil's fees 69 per cent.

Government funds 16 per cent.

Municipal funds and other resources 15 per cent.

The pupils are bearing the major portion of the school expenditure, and Government's share is extremely small. Schools are mainly supported by the pupils not by Government. Strangely enough, pupils are, therefore, the masters of the schools.

"The entire dependence of the schools fee upon pupils' fees has, in my opinion, gradually led to many undesirable things. The necessity of the schools for a sufficient number of pupils, in order to balance their budget, naturally leads them into adopting a lenient attitude towards the pupils and parents. This in turn influences the attitude of the classroom teacher.

Proceeding Dr. Khair dealt exhaustively with the problem of matriculation examination and suggested radical changes in its syllabus.

Mr. I. H. Taunton, Adviser to the Governor, who inaugurated the conference explained the Bombay Government's plan for post-war reconstruction in education.

AIMS OF FEDERATION

Welcoming the delegates Mr. R. K. Marzban, Chairman of the Reception Committee, explained the aims of the Federation. He said:—"Perhaps the most important aim is to promote and safeguard the interests and status not only of Headmasters but also of secondary teachers as well. We heads of schools will always make it our prime concern to promote the well-being of the teaching fraternity. We realise that a band of loyal teachers having full confidence in the sincerity and judgment of their headmasters is an asset to a school. That we are alive to our responsibility to improve their status and condition is clear from the resolution passed in the very first meeting of the Federation urging upon Government to substantially increase our dearness allowance grant so that each teacher may get the same allowance as fixed by Government for its own employees, namely Rs. 18 in Bombay, Ahmedabad and Poona and Rs. 14 in all other places. At the same time we could not ignore that fact that, unless this was done most schools were not financially strong enough to pay such a high rate of allowance. The Central Advisory Board has very rightly stressed the point that if our future teachers are to be men and women of the right type and with adequate qualifications the scales of salaries in the different grades will have to be much higher than what they are today. In the future, more than ever before, the teacher will have to command a much better position in society. The teaching profession can no longer be the dumping ground for those who have proved misfits or failures in life.

PLEA FOR REPRESENTATION

"The Federation seeks adequate representation on the University Senate, on the Boards of Primary, Secondary and Physical Education, on the Boards of Hindustani, S. T. C., S. L. C. and Drawing Examinations. It feels that the heads of schools must have a larger say in matters with which they are vitally concerned. Mr. Taunton has given us an assurance that the Federation will be consulted by him on matters pertaining to Secondary Education. I venture to suggest that the Federation be asked to send the nominees to the different boards mentioned by me. These nominees must carry a mandate from the Federation to represent its view and must resign forthwith if they cease to enjoy the confidence of the Federation. We also wish to request Government in good faith to create a new constituency having ten seats for assistant graduate teachers serving in Secondary Schools of the Province.

FIGHT ON THREE FRONTS.

The heads of schools are fighting to-day simultaneously on three fronts—the University, the Educational Department and the managing committees or boards of trustees of their schools. Despite all tall talk about a liberal education, despite all platitudes thrown out from platforms about culture and play activities and technical bias the fact remains that the ultimate goal of all secondary education as it stands to-day is the Matriculation Examination. Until the whole sub-structure of our educational system is changed, until more facilities are given for technical education, the parent of to-day stands unconvinced that the Matriculation Examination is not the only hallmark of a sound education. And that brings us to the vexed question of the Matriculation syllabus which in my opinion has been prepared with very little foresight. It is so heavy that beneath its compelling weight the student stands crushed and broken. And yet the University has very smugly decided to postpone consideration of the revision of the Matriculation syllabus till the cessation of hostilities. The Vice-Chancellor in a party given by him to the Headmasters of Bombay declared that if the heads would frame a curriculum with a larger measure of unanimity amongst themselves, he saw no reason why the University authorities would not accept it. Here is our opportunity to show we mean business, to put our shoulder to the wheel, to translate words into actions. Let us without further delay set up committees of experts and prepare a syllabus that will meet with all-round acceptance.

Proceeding Mr. Marzban pleaded for healthy relation between the head of a school and its managing body. He said: "From what little I have heard I find that the headmaster is not always given complete freedom of action in the internal management of the school. Even in matters like the selection of textbooks, promotions, time-tables, extra curricular activities his decision is not accepted as final. I feel it is impossible for him to give of his best if he finds that he does not always have the backing of the managing body.

Concluding Mr. Marzban called upon the teaching fraternity to live up to the high standard of moral code that the public had a right to expect from their profession.

The conference continues on Friday.

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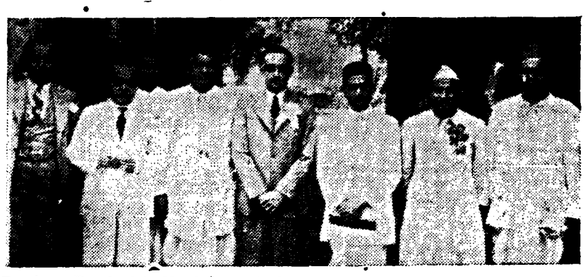

Bombay Provincial Headmasters' Conference at University Convocation Hall with Dr. G. S. Khair President third from right and Mr. R. K. Marzban Chairman R. C. in the centre.

ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE IN BURMA

KANDY, Dec. 28: Following is today's S.E.A.C. Communique:—

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS FRONT: After an advance southwards of 30 miles in the last 14 days, troops of 25th Indian Division have reached Foul Point at the tip of Mayu peninsula.

On the west of the Mayu river our troops have reached a village approximately 22 miles south-east of Buthidaung.

"14TH ARMY FRONT: Operations continue in our efforts to dislodge enemy opposition on high ground about 42 miles east of Kalewa on the road to Yeu.

"NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: There was continued patrol activity by Chinese troops along the Namhkam road. Mars Task Force continued to patrol west and south of Tonkwa.

Heavy bombers yesterday attacked dumps and stores at Prome and the railway bridge at Pyinmana.

In the Chindwin region fighter bombers hit positions near Gangaw and attacked Kani. One Allied aircraft is missing."

MOSQUITOS BOMB HEHO AIRFIELD.

R.A.F. MOSQUITO of Eastern Air Command, on an intruder patrol in the moonlight on Christmas night over Central Burma, found Heho airfield illuminated with more than twelve Japanese aircraft on the strip. The MOSQUITOS swooped down and bombed. Other MOSQUITOS bombed Meiktila and Heho airfields.

30,000 SQ. MILES OF NORTH BURMA LIBERATED.

A Press Note issued from headquarters U. T. forces India-Burma theatre says nearly half as much territory has been occupied in north Burma in the first two months of the present campaign since middle of October as was taken in the whole year previously. Nearly 9,000 square miles have been liberated. This makes a total of nearly 30,000 square miles of North Burma cleared of the Japs.

LONDON, Dec. 27: Death has occurred at Winchester on X'Mas day of Gen. Sir Havelock Hudson former G.O.C.-in-C. of Eastern Command who, like his father before him, Lt.-Gen. Sir John Hudson, won great distinction in the Indian Army.

Indian Aviation Delegation

LONDON, Dec. 28.—From A. K. Quereshi, A.P.I. correspondent.—The Indian Delegation to the International Civil Aviation Conference in Chicago is returning to India next week. The delegates are now in London having further conversations with Commonwealth representatives on aviation plans for the future.—Reuter.

All-India Digamber Jain Mahasabha

The 49th annual session of All-India Digamber Jain Mahasabha was held at Ujjain under the presidency of Capt. Rai Bahadur Sir Bhagchandji Soni, M.L.A. (Central). Over 5,000 Jains from all over India attended the Session. Among them were Sir Hukamchandji of Indore, Rajkumar Singhji, R. B. Lalchandji Sethi, R. B. Bhanwarlalji Sethi, Capt. R. B. Seth Hiralalji, Seth Hiralalji Patni, Seth Kesarimalji Pandya, Seth Gajraj of Calcutta.

Sir Bhagchandji dwelt in detail on many subjects of communal interest. He deplored very much the feud under Babu Pandit party labels and appealed them both to sink their differences and to unite under the banner of Jain Mahasabha. He drew attention of the whole Jain community about the impending danger of Mr Jinnah's political stunt called "Pakistan." He emphatically deprecated the Pakistan scheme and asked the Jain community to stand along with Hindu brethren in opposing this stunt.

He next laid emphasis and invited Jain youths to take proper share in political activities. He further laid stress on establishing an Antiquary and Archaeological Department under Mahasabha to make researches in Jain history and Literature.

R. B. Lalchandji too stressed for unity among Babu Pandit parties and hoped for that golden day on which these both will unite under one banner. He also laid emphasis on establishing Jain banks, Jain newspapers and Jain libraries.

SURAT, Dec. 28.—The three day session of the Provincial Basic Education Conference ended here yesterday. The Conference will place its recommendations between the Provincial Basic Education Committee.—A.P.

SLIGHT ALLIED WITHDRAWAL IN ITALY

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN H.Q. Dec. 28.—To-day's communique states: "In the Serchio valley on the Fifth Army front, the enemy continues to press the attack launched yesterday. Further slight withdrawal has been made by our leading elements. Small patrol skirmishes have been made elsewhere on the front. Eighth Army troops continue to clear the east bank of the Senio.

Strong force of the Fifteenth A.A.F. escorted heavy bombers yesterday attacked oil refinery and railyards in Austria, railyard in Yugoslavia and rail lines and bridges in Northern Italy.

Seventeen of our aircraft are missing in air operations.

12th Frontier Force Regiment's Exploits In Italy

ROME, Dec. 27: This is the story of the men of the 12th Frontier Force Regiment from June to October, 1944, as they pushed the Germans northwards along the craggy spine of Italy.

First came a period of steady pursuit, the battalion advancing 220 miles in two months. Then on the banks of the Upper Tiber, South-East of Perugia, came strong enemy resistance at last.

For ten days the men were pinned down under intense shell fire. A daylight attack by tanks broke the German front—and the battalion got its first rest for eight months.

On the left bank of the Arno, south of Florence, the 12th Frontier Force men put in some successful patrol actions in country where visibility on flat ground was reduced to 20 yards by a "jungle" consisting of vines, orchards and high standing crops.

Crossing the Arno with unexpected ease the battalion swept on towards the Gothic line. One of the havildars, Jamal Din, distinguished himself by manning a breakdown van abandoned by its crew under heavy shell fire and clearing a road block of knocked-out vehicles.

On August 31 the enemy went back to his last height before the Gothic Line, the 2,500-foot Mount Giovi, and the Frontier Force men received an unexpected reinforcement in the shape of a group of Italian patriots, armed to the teeth. Heavy rain postponed the attack: the enemy again withdrew.

The Germans fell back to the much-vaunted Gothic Line. But again the advance continued with remarkable precision and speed.

The Punjabi-Mussalmans in their three-tonners drove in full view across the plain to within 1,000 yards of the enemy defences. The Pathans with a cunning manoeuvre captured a German listening post on the final ridge of the Gothic Line.

The Sikhs prepared the way for the Gurkhas to go through. And the Gurkhas, after a massive artillery bombardment, captured the next high feature, called "the Dead Woman", without firing a shot.

From then onwards the weather turned against the advancing armies and German resistance strengthened, their automatic weapons blazing away from the knife-edge ridges along which the Frontier Force men must fight their way. But these men had come far and learned much; they would not, they knew, be halted now.

Germans Capture Barga

FIFTEENTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS THURSDAY: From Reuter's Special Correspondent: German troops who attacked in force on the mountainous west coast sector of the Italian front north-east of Leghorn have recaptured the small town of Barga, two and a half miles east of Gallicano on the Serchio river and are continuing to press back leading Allied elements.

Allies Equip Six Italian Divisions

ROME, Dec. 28.—An Italian Government spokesman said six Italian Divisions had been equipped by the Allies.

SFORZA RESIGNS

Count Sforza has announced his intention to resign from the post of President of the Purge and anti-Fascist Crimes Commission. He will be replaced by a High Court judge.—Reuter.

TWO GERMAN SHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Light coastal warships with Norwegian crews recently torpedoed and sank a German M class mine-sweeper or destroyer off the Norwegian coast. A medium-sized supply ship was also sunk.

Cloth-Dealers Must Submit Bi-Monthly Return

The Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has, by a notification published in the "Gazette of India" directed all the manufacturers in the country to submit to him on or before the 15th day of every month commencing from December, 1944, a return of sales of fine cloth made by him in the preceding month, giving the details of the name of the buyer with his address and the total quantity of fine cloth in terms of bales delivered to him against the quota during the preceding month. The notification explains that 'fine cloth' means cloth in which the count of the warp yarn is 36s and finer whether it is single or folded.

Failure to submit these returns is an offence under the Defence of India Rules.

Medical practitioners whose names are on the register of the Bombay Medical Council will be allowed to purchase, without question, up to 1,000 tablets of mepacrine or quinacrine hydrochloride each month. They will continue to be given only one ounce of quinine sulphate each month.

Greece To Go Under Allied Trusteeship?

Churchill Says Big Three Will Meet Shortly And Decide Issue

ATHENS Wednesday: Mr. Churchill first made a statement on developments in Athens and then replied to questions at the Press Conference.

After recalling that both President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin had approved the British plan to drive the Germans from Greece and bring in food and that the military aspect of the question was settled at the Caserta conference to which the British were invited by the All-Party Greek Government, Mr. Churchill said: "Of course we feel ourselves to have been absolutely right. It is certainly clear to me that there would have been a massacre in this city if we had not intervened with our troops, few though they were then.

How big the massacre would have been, what form it would have taken, what kind of Government would have emerged from it, what personalities, what ideologies—I cannot tell—I have got my view, but everybody can form his own. Certainly in my opinion there would have been a very serious massacre."

"BRITAIN IS NOT SELFISH".

"There is always a moment of great weakness when German tyranny is broken, when public men are few and far between, and when you have to set up something which enables the light of the country to shine and ordinary men and women to go about their business and walk the street in safety—and it is that that we have endeavoured to bring. It has been telegraphed all over the world that we supported the Fascist Government endeavouring to impose a particular rule on this country, endeavouring to bring back the King, endeavouring to get some advantage or lasting control or influence for ourselves out of it.

"All these theories are absolutely without the slightest foundation. We seek nothing from Greece. We look for no selfish advantages. We want no territory. We did not require bases or anything like that. As for money, we would rather give it than take it. There is nothing we want of any kind from Greece, Except her friendship. That is all we want.

"I rely upon you to give publicity to the absolutely plain statement on these matters—as to why we came and also as to whether we were right to intervene to prevent what we believe would have been a massacre.

LET OTHER SIDE SEE REASON.

"Having got into the business we have contracted many grave responsibilities. We have driven the rebels from the immediate centre of the city. We have enough troops here and on the way to make us complete masters of the city of Athens and the territory of Attica which surrounds it.

"And the sooner other sides see the reason, the sooner the fighting will stop.

"But it will not stop until that result has been achieved, either by friendly negotiations or by increasing the use of military weapons. How could we lay aside our task, now, at this point? You have seen yourselves for instance that there are thousands of Greeks in Athens, who have been formed into regiments of National Guards.

"If we went away and the other side came in, they and all those who have shown us friendliness would be liable to be punished by the conquerors with whatever severity they might choose. When people have come into the open and given you their help, you cannot leave them like that. Nor will we, until there are guarantees that we can believe for a fair decent Government which will not pay off old scores either way. This is a very difficult thing to do.

STORY OF CONFERENCE.

"When we came here we thought it best to try and get a conference. The conference assembled last night. We invited ELAS to come and their principal leaders came and we brought the Greeks together under the chairmanship of Archbishop Damaskinos".

After expressing the hope that as a result of the conference "we shall see our way clear to-night" Mr. Churchill went on: "We are absolutely determined that the whole of this built up area must be cleared of armed persons not under the control of any recognised Government, and that sufficient area all round must be cleared. We shall use whatever forces are necessary to obtain that object.

HOPES GOOD SENSE WILL COME.

"Then we must hope that some good sense will come to this tortured people, that they will see there is some purpose in working together in giving Greece a chance to regain the glories which she won in repulsing the attack of Italy, and that she must take her place among the United Nations instead of being a society without integration or formation of any kind as she is at present, torn to pieces by passion, jealousies and rivalries to an extent most painful to those who wish her well".

WHY HE CAME TO ATHENS.

Mr. Churchill said that those were "the very simple reasons which led the Foreign Secretary and me to come at a time when everything is not entirely quiet in Belgium and on the frontiers of Germany and to see if we could get started on some sensible settlement, which could easily be reached in any country where people did not feel politics so intensely that they may ruin themselves thereby. We have done our best to bring them together in order to abridge fighting and misery", the Premier concluded.

Asked whether there was "any question of amnesty for ELAS leaders", the Prime Minister replied: "Obviously, if there is a cessation of fighting there ought not to be proscription either way". If no agreement is reached "guns will go on firing as they are now. Troops will clear this area, and we shall establish security and peace and order in Attica."

INTERNATIONAL TRUST?

As to whether there could then be some vote taken in the area which would be liberated from disorders and perils of every kind, that would be a matter to be studied. "And of course we must expect that in not very long time President Roosevelt and Stalin and myself with our advisers will meet together and we will then review the situation because if we cannot get satisfaction and trustworthy democratic foundations, you may have to have for the time being an international trust of some kind or other. We cannot afford to see the whole peoples drifting into anarchy".

Asked what he considered to be at the bottom of the present crisis, having seen the situation at first hand, Mr. Churchill said: "I have a very clear idea. But I don't want to use the language which might give offence to any section in Greece at the moment. I am hoping they will find some way of solving their difficulties. There has been a moment of great danger in every country when it has been under German oppression and passes from that oppression into taking over its own affairs. There is no means of holding fair and free elections of any kind."

WHEN KING WILL COME BACK.

On the subject of the attitude of the King of Greece to regency Mr. Churchill replied: "You are very right to mention the King of Greece. If it is established to be the wish of all parties or nearly all parties and the principal elements that still constitute what is left of the life of Greece—if it is their wish to have Regency, I should be hopeful that he would take that course. But it is not for me to say what he should do or what he would not do. Of one thing I am sure—that he won't come back here unless a plebiscite of his people desires his return."

Successor To "Le Temps"

LONDON, Dec. 21—A new evening newspaper, "Le Monde," successor to "Le Temps", published its first number on December 19, cables the "Manchester Guardian" Paris correspondent. The Editor of "Le Monde" is M. Hubert Beuvemery, who resigned from his post as "Le Temps" correspondent in Prague in protest against the paper's attitude during the Munich crisis. Politically, M. Beuvemery is associated with the Popular Democrats, which is the same group to which M. Bidault, Foreign Minister, belongs.

DOROTHY LAMOUR AT EROS

"Since You Went Away" At Excelsior And Empire

BY T. V. F.

"Since You Went Away" will easily be the star picture of the current week. It is being screened at Excelsior and Empire theatres simultaneously. It is a David O. Selznick picture—the man who gave 'Gone With The Wind' and 'Rebecca'. The cast includes select stars like Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten, Shirley Temple, Monty Wooley, Lionel Barrymore and Robert Walker. It is a United Agists release.

Regal will screen "San Diego I Love You" from Friday to Monday, a picture that provides good laughter. From Monday 'Ghost Catchers' will take its place. We are told that Olsen and Johnson will confuse the audiences even more than they ordinarily do.

Eros brings another South Sea musical with Dorothy Lamour in her favourite Saronga, called 'Rainbow Island.' It is in technicolour and co-starring with her are Eddie Bracken, Gil Lamb and Barry Sullivan.

'Kismet' starring Marlene Dietrich, James Craig and Edward Arnold stays on for another week at Metro. "Song of the Open Road" starring Jane Powell will be shown at Strand.

Aurora revives "Song of Russia" and Palace will show 'Pin Up Girl.'

FIRE IN MADRAS PORT BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL

MADRAS, Dec. 28: On December 27 early in the morning a fire broke out near the Madras harbour. The fire, which was apparently due to natural causes, was brought under control by the Madras Fire Services in less than two hours' time. Some damage was done to buildings but there were no injuries nor any loss of life.—A. P.

NO TRANSACTIONS IN NAZI LOOT

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Netherlands' Government has requested the Governments of Eire, Sweden, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Turkey to prevent transactions in and concealment of goods, gold or property "looted by the enemy from occupied territories," it is officially announced to-night. These Governments have also been asked to trace looted assets and facilitate their transfer to post-war authorities of the countries now occupied.—Reuter.

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MORNING CENTRES.

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D—45 Bai Ratanbai Pavri High School, 12th Khetwadi.
D—47 Khetwadi Central Marathi Boys' School, Khetwadi 1st Lane.
D—49 Princess High School, Lamington Road.
D—51 Lamington Road Hindi School, Putuck's Bungalow.
D—53—Tutorial High School, Kennedy Bridge.
D—55 Swastik League, Vithalbhai Patel Road.
D—57 Marwadi Vidyalaya, Sandhurst Road.
D—59 Charni Road Marathi Boys' School, Benamhall Lane.
D—61 Bai Rattonbai Panday School, Falkland Road.
D 63 Vithalbhai Patel Road Marathi Girls' School, Sadanand Wadi.
D—65 Foras Road Central Marathi Boys' School.
D—67 Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Girls' School, Cowasjee Jehangir Colony.
D—69 Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank.
D—71 Proprietory High School, Gowalia Tank.
D—73 Grant Road Marathi Boys' School, Tukaram Javji Road.
D—75 Gamdevi Gujarathi Boys' School, Gangadas Wadi.
D—77 Tardeo Bridge U. P. Marathi Boys' School.
D—79 Chaupatty Urdu Boys' School, Near Wilson College.
D—81 Municipal Dispensary, Oppo: Central Cinema.
D—83 Orient High School, Thakurdwar.
D—85 Kandewadi U. P. Marathi Boys' School.
D—87 Shishd Vidyalaya, Soman Building.
D—91 S. S. Bengali Gujarathi Girls' School, Karelwadi.
D—93 Municipal Dispensary, Play House Junction.
D—95 Foras Road Urdu Boys' School.
D—97 Wilson High School, Khetwadi.
D—99 Girgaum Gujarathi Girls' School, Parekh Wadi.

EVENING CENTRES

D—42 Sardar High School, 12th Khetwadi.
D—44 West Khetwadi Marathi Boys' School, Khetwadi 9th Lane.
D—46 Wilson High School, Khetwadi.
D—48 Princess High School, Lamington Road.
D—50 Gokhale Education Society's S.G.D.T. High School, Vithalbhai Patel Road.
D—52 Swastik League, Vithalbhai Patel Road.
D—54 Young Men's Hindu Association, Phadke's Wadi.
D—56 Vithalbhai Patel Road Gujarathi Boys' School.
D—58 Maratha High School, Swadeshi Mills Compound.
D—60 New Girgaum Marathi Girls' School, G. S. Brahmin Niwas.
D—62 Angrewadi Marathi Boys' School.
D—64 Girgaum Marathi Boys' School, 173, Sanzgiri House.
D—66 Thakurdwar Road Gujarathi Boys' School, Halai Lohana Mahajan Wadi.
D—70 Sunirl High School, Near West-End Cinema.
D—72 Shishu Vidyalaya, Soman Building.
D—74 Arab Lane Urdu Boys' School.
D—76 Bellasis Road Marathi Boys' School.
D—78 Bai Rattonbai Panday's School, Falkland Road.
D—80 Gilder Tank Marathi Boys' School, Oppo: Gilder Tank.
D—82 Schools Committee's Office, Gilder Tank.
D—84 Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Girls' School, Cowasjee Jehangir Colony.
D—86 Parsi Amelioration Committee's Nursery High School, Tardeo.
D—88 Girgaum Marathi Girls School, Kelewadi.
D—90 Shankerseth Road Marathi Boys' School.
D—92 S. S. Bengali Gujarathi Girls' School, Karelwadi.
D—94 Tardeo Hindi School, Ben Kuwar Mansion.
D—96 Walkeshwar Road Marathi Boys' School.
D—98 Cumballa Hill Marathi Boys' School, Gowalia Tank Road.
D—100 Gamdevi Marathi Boys' School, Harkison Building.

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Plea For Autonomous Rupee

Vakil And Anjaria Urge Delinking It From Sterling As First Step Towards Post-War Stabilisation

A plea for an autonomous rupee, regulated internally and externally, taking into account all the relevant considerations, such as the internal price and cost structure and the current balances of trade, etc., is put in by Professors C. N. Vakil and J. J. Anjaria, of the Bombay University, in the course of an article in the 1944 Annual Review Number of "Commerce" on the subject of the "Exchange Rate of Rupee after the war." The authors observe, after examining the various issues involved, that it is too early as yet to define the exchange rate of the rupee at which we should link our currency to any international currency directly or through sterling when we join the International Monetary Fund and that, in view of the many imponderables in the situation at home and abroad, it would be hazardous even to think in terms of some particular ratio of stabilisation for the rupee in the near future, much more to try to state such in quantitative terms. In the light of circumstances which they can appraise at present, they have, however, formulated the following main principles, according to which India's currency and exchange policy ought to be steered in the immediate post-war years:

DELINK FOR THE TIME BEING

"First, it is necessary that rupee should be delinked from sterling, for the time being, at any rate, and the Reserve Bank of India should determine its external value, from time to time, in view of the requirements of domestic policy and the actual conditions in the international money markets. The regime of exchange control will thus have to continue, and also one is constrained to add, bilateral clearing arrangements. This may sound reactionary to some, visionary to others, but there seems to be no other way. If the Reserve Bank adopts a strong line of policy, there is no fear now that this delinking of the rupee from sterling would mean a loss of confidence in the rupee. The Indian public has known during the war that the sterling balances in London, which cannot be drawn upon as and when we like, do not really give strength or stability to the rupee. The good old arguments in favour of a simple and easily comprehensible standard of currency hold no longer.

"It is sometimes contended that the utility of such a policy varies inversely with the number of countries adopting it. Quite true; but that is no excuse for India to be dragged behind another country's currency. Sitting on the fence and holding one's own as best as one can in the transition period is not a negation of internationalism or a denial of the excellent ideal of freer trade based on multilateral clearing. What matters is the time factor.

WHY VICTIMISE INDIA

"Secondly, now that the question of sterling balances has to be settled bilaterally, we should take good care to see that the entire burden of transfer is not thrown on this country alone. In plain language, this means that India should not be expected to maintain an unduly high exchange ratio, in order just that she may have negative balances to wipe out her sterling accumulations. That there does exist a transfer problem cannot be denied, but, just as this country would have to accommodate larger net imports in order to be able to utilise her sterling assets, so too, Britain must create a larger export surplus at home, not by artificially undervaluing her currency but by the healthier method—in the long run, in her own interest—of reducing export prices by increasing her productive efficiency.

"Thirdly, the Reserve Bank must form a tentative idea of the optimum price level to be attained in this country in a year or two after the war.

"Fourthly, we would have to watch carefully how the major countries of the world shape their currency and exchange policies in the post-war period. We are in a regime of what may be called oligopolistic competition in respect of foreign exchanges and, under such conditions, it pays to be a follower rather than a leader. Premature attempts of stabilisation in terms of any parity, the existing one or a new one, are fraught with danger.

"Fifthly, there is a possibility that, after the war, there may develop, in this country, a depression psychology, which, if unchecked, may land us into a slump. A rigid exchange rate in these circumstances would deprive us of a valuable corrective weapon.

"Finally, the currency and exchange policy of the country should, hereafter, concentrate more on the maintenance of internal rather than external stability and must, therefore, have in view the requirements of the Plan for Reconstruction and Development that we may ultimately evolve and launch upon."

REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER FOUR HOURS

Congress Working Committee Member's Revelations About His Health In Letters To Sister

CALCUTTA, December 27: The following two recent letters received by Miss Jamuna Ghosh from her brother Sjt. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, Member of the Congress Working Committee, indicate the condition of his health:—

December 12, 1944.

My dear Jamuna,

Your letter of the 3rd reached me day before yesterday. On the 4th last I was given three injections for piles and one for fissure under general anaesthetic. Although the actual operation took about half an hour I regained my consciousness after about four hours. After that also during all these days I have one trouble or the other. I need not go into details of all that. On the whole I have become very weak. Most of the time I am in bed. For about a fortnight or so I am, not spinning nor I am reading any serious book. I have taken to light reading since day before yesterday. I have lost another three pounds in weight, so my present weight is only 91 pounds. But let us hope I shall pick up strength soon.

I am not worried about non-receipt of books from Sonabhai because I do not know when I shall be able to use them. There is no hurry now. It will take at least a month before I can utilise them profitably.

December 16, 1944.

My dear Jamuna,

I have your letter of the 7th. Since yesterday noon I have no fever. I have been placed on liquid diet. Blood examination does not show the presence of malarial parasite. I have already written to you on the 12th that I lost 3 pounds in weight and this fever is bound to weaken me further. God alone knows what purpose he has behind this suffering. Yes, I can understand the anxiety of you all but what can I do? Have faith in God, you will find solace and comfort.—United Press.

Sterling General Insurance Co. Ltd.

We have received a copy of the statutory report of the Sterling General Insurance Co. Ltd. as at 30th April, 1944. The Company has been started with an authorised capital of Rs. 50 lakhs. Out of this 26 lakhs was issued and subscribed, with a paid up capital of 12-1/2 lakhs. The Company has completed arrangement for transacting all classes of business, viz. Life, Fire, Accident and Miscellaneous Insurance. The Life, Fire and Motor departments have already started work. The Company has also purchased and amalgamated the Sterling Insurance Co. Ltd. with assets of about 6 lakhs, premium and other income amounting to about 1-1/2 lakhs. At the time of amalgamation of Life fund of the Sterling was increased so as to make it equal to the policy liability.

Federal Court Reports

December 28.

The cases decided by the Federal Court of India during the year 1943 are reported in the fifth volume of the Federal Court Reports; and the first six parts of the sixth volume of the Reports, which have also been published, contain the cases decided by that Court up to October 1944. Among other judgments, the Reports contain decisions involving constitutional questions relating to the Government of India Act, 1935, the Defence of India Act, 1939, the Special Criminal Courts Ordinance, 1942, the Bihar and Orissa Excise Act, 1915, the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1939, the United Provinces Tenancy Act, 1939.

The Federal Court Reports are being published, from the commencement of the year 1944, in monthly parts.

DEADLOCK IN PUNJAB PIECE-GOODS TRADE THREATENED

AMRITSAR, Dec. 28.

A meeting of the Amritsar Piece-goods Association held yesterday passed a resolution declaring that the quota of cloth to be allotted to the 160 wholesale cloth merchants should be placed at the disposal of the Association and the cloth thus received or imported should be distributed equally among all its members.

The members of the Executive Committee resigned immediately after the resolution was passed.—A.P.

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BOMBAY SUBURBAN NOTES

Housing Societies

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

VILE PARLE, Dec. 28.

It is usual for schools during the Christmas holidays to arrange for sports and other entertainments and for institutions for entertaining programmes for their members. The Physical Education Day initiated by the Congress Government came off on December 19 when all schools in the Bombay Suburban District held interesting programmes of physical demonstrations, in their schools. The Mahila Samaj of Santa Cruz are arranging a week's programme of sports which will conclude on the 31st with a social gathering of members. The Rashtra Seva Dal which is a representative volunteers' organisation in the suburbs with a membership of over a thousand strong, successfully organised a Village Industries Exhibition at Khar on Sunday.

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING.

Among the housing societies founded immediately after the close of the last great war, the two Saraswat co-operative housing societies of Santa Cruz and Jogeshwari completed their 25 years this year. The Saraswat suburban housing society of Santa Cruz celebrated its silver jubilee by paying off the large Government loan and freed itself from the clutches of Government control which they inflicted on the society by putting a nominee on its Committee to safeguard their interests. Due to abnormally high cost of building materials in 1919, this Society had to incur a large outlay on their buildings and with the consequent sharp fall in the prices of materials and cheaper dwellings in the neighbourhood, the rents which the Society charged had to be considerably reduced to wean away the tenants from leaving the Society's buildings. This action on the part of the Society was responsible for heavy recurring losses and consequently the Society was unable to pay the annual equated loan instalment to Government. The heavy interest of 6 per cent charged by Government was a hurdle around its neck when money could be available at cheaper rates in the open market. The combined efforts made by all housing societies in Bombay to get the rate of interest lowered proved futile as Government would not appreciably reduce the rate of interest charged to them. The Parsee Housing Society in Dadar led the way by raising debentures amongst its members at 3 per cent and paid off Government debt of about 3 lakhs about three years ago. As the times were very favourable to raise money in the open market at cheaper rates the Saraswat Society with the active assistance of the Government nominee Rao Bahadur Diwanji, started negotiations with Government to settle the loan of about 2,75,000 for Rs. 2 lakhs. A deputation of the Society waited on Sir Henry Knight, Adviser to the Governor, and pleaded with him to come to a reasonable settlement with the Society. The Adviser after taking into consideration the sacrifices made by the Society all these 25 years, agreed to accept the Society's offer provided the whole amount was forthcoming within a month in one lump sum. The Committee of the Society then started work in right earnest and by taking deposits from members and other friends and by arranging for a cash credit with the Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank paid the whole amount in July last. It has now issued non-terminable loan stock bonds of the aggregate value of Rs. 2 1/2 lakhs for the purpose. The Society's financial credit which was at its lowest ebb some five years ago, has now completely recovered and it can now safely look forward with hope and confidence. The Committee headed by its President Mr. M. A. Thaggarse and the Government Nominee Rao Bahadur P. C. Diwanji must be warmly congratulated on resuscitating the finances of the Society during its Silver Jubilee Year.

PLIGHT OF AGRICULTURISTS.

The plight of agriculturists in the Suburban and Thana districts has become deplorable owing to the non-availability of agricultural implements, seeds, manure and other ingredients necessary for the cultivation of their fields. Government besides putting up large-type of "Grow More Food Campaign" posters, do nothing either to supply the necessary implements or put control on their prices. The cost of iron materials having gone up, the poor agriculturists are unable to pay fancy prices for these implements with the result that the yield of their crops is not upto the mark. It is, therefore, suggested that Government should make these implements, manure etc., available at cheaper rates and give encouragement to the peasants who are the back-bone of the nation. The rules promulgated under the Defence of India Act calling upon the agriculturists to surrender all paddy over 25 maunds are not understood by these illiterate classes and steps should, therefore, be taken to make these rules known to the people by other suitable means than merely by notification in the "Gazette". The National War Front instead of merely issuing posters of "Grow More Food Campaign", can help the cultivators by organising fair-price shops of these necessary commodities in the interests of these agriculturists.

SUBURBAN SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE.

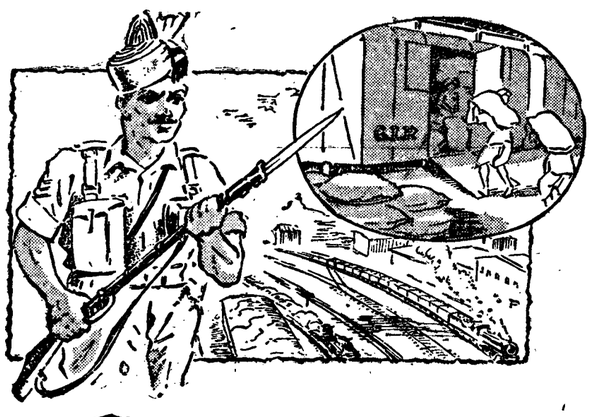
The preliminary work having been completed, the general meeting of the Suburban Social Service League was held recently and a Committee of Management with Sir Rustom Masani as President and Mr. B. G. Kher as one of the General Secretaries was appointed to carry out the work of the League. The immediate task before the Committee is to give medical relief to the poor and in this direction, a Special Committee is now at work.

KARNATAK IN INDIA'S FUTURE

Unification Conference Resolutions

DHARWAR, Dec. 28: A resolution reiterating the unanimous demand for the unification of the Karnatak and declaring that any Indian constitution which does not provide for it would be unacceptable to the Kannadigas was unanimously adopted at the Karnatak Unification Conference which concluded its session here on Tuesday. The Conference also adopted resolutions urging the release of Congress leaders to enable solving of the political deadlock and supporting the scheme for the development of Bhatkal harbour by the formation of the Karnatak shipbuilding and transport company.

A Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Dinkar Desai was appointed to prepare the case of Karnatak with all facts and figures. The conference also authorised the president to appoint another committee under his presidentship to put forth the Karnatak case before any committee engaged in framing the future Indian constitution.—A. P.



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6. Direct dealers or producers to display in their premises relevant lists of notified prices.

This Ordinance applies to all articles other than food-grains and those specially exempted from time to time.

Ceiling prices of a number of articles in common use have already been fixed and copies of relevant notifications are available from the Manager of Publications, Civil Lines, Delhi.

If you suspect you have been overcharged, do not hesitate to report the case to your local Civil Supplies Officer, or if you wish, to this Department. It will be investigated immediately.

N.B. *In certain cases the burden of proof lies on the accused; he has to prove his innocence, not the prosecution his guilt.*

FINES OF Rs. 15,000 AND IMPRISONMENT

EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT FOR PROFITEERING

KARACHI, Oct. 13—Exemplary sentences were inflicted yesterday under the Anti-Profiteering and Anti-Hoarding Ordinance on Proprietors of several General Store shops. One shopkeeper was sentenced to six months rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 15,000.

Convictions for hoarding and profiteering are growing daily Government Inspectors are spreading into new areas.

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CITY MARKETS

SHARE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 28.

The Share market continues to enjoy its year end holidays and will re-open on 2nd January 1945.

Tata Steel Defds are nominally placed around Rs. 2,232/8, Bombay Dyeing Rs 1,930, Indian Iron Rs. 41/2 and Bengal Steel Rs. 33/10.

GOLD & SILVER

The market ruled easy to-day due to increased selling pressure. The Reserve Bank sold 75,000 tolas of Gold at Rs. 73/11 and 300 bars of Silver at Rs. 131/14.

The market opened lower due to easy up-country advices gold after opening at Rs. 73/6 dropped to Rs. 72/8 and Silver was marked down to Rs. 130/2 from the opening level of Rs. 131/6.

Later on, there was increased selling pressure as the market is to receive supplies of 700 bars of Silver on Friday. Moreover on Friday Tej-Mandi will be determined in Silver in Indore Market and hence some of the professional bear operators also took the opportunity to depress the market Gold moved down to Rs. 71-6 and Silver dropped to Rs. 128. Towards the close Silver recovered to Rs. 129-4 and Gold to Rs. 72-4.

BOMBAY COTTON

The forward cotton market opened at somewhat higher but due to realising Prices eased off. The tendency was quiet, but no sharp drop is anticipated from the current levels.

I C C March opened at Rs. 444/8 and sagged to Rs. 442. May Contract was quoted at Rs. 451/8

The market was quiet with March being done upto Rs. 440-8 but subsequently prices recovered to Rs. 443.

Closing quotations :—

I.C.C. March	Rs' 442 12
I.C.C. May	Rs. 453 0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

23rd Dec.	High	Low	Close
March	447-1/2	4341/4	446-1/2
May	417-1/2	453-3/4	456
Karachi 4F,	45/8	45/1	45/6/6
26th Dec.			
March	443-1/2	438	440
May	451-1/2	447-1/2	449
Karachi	45/4/6	44-13	44/15/6
27th Dec.			
March	444	440-1/2	443
May	453-1/2	450	453

PARITY

ICC March below New York March is 479 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

NEW YORK COTTON.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

Cotton opened steady with early trading narrow and the steadiness attributed to price-fixing believed to be partially against Spanish acceptances together with limited hedges and emphasis on the increasing effects of Government support programmes. The market was further aided by the agitation for an upward revision of the parity price formula and the ever-present inflationary psychology and views of a longer war. Except for dribbling price-fixing in the afternoon the market was dull and featureless awaiting developments. The market closed steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

January	21.79
March	21.94
May	21.88
Middling Spot	22.33

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	21 98
May	21.92
July	21.54
Middling Spot	21.45

NOON CALL

March	21.94
May	21.87
July	21.50

LONDON BULLION
LONDON, Dec 27.

Spot 23-1/2 Forward 23-1/2 Gold Bars fine per oz. £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES
LONDON, Dec 27.

T T London on :—

New York sellers 4.02-1/2 buyers 4.05-1/2 Madrid official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47 Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4 Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT
LONDON, Dec. 27.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New Crop) 41 December quoted

Wheat Australian (Bulk) 45 Dec/Jan quoted

Wheat Australian (Bags) 48 Dec/Jan quoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, Dec. 27.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	72-3/4
Consols 2-1/2 p c	31-1/2
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-1/6
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	104-1/16
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-5/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	113-3/4
Chartered Bank of E. A. & China	10-5/6
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank London Reg.)	31-1/2
National Bank of India	42

MONEY MARKET
BOMBAY, Dec 28.

LONDON Banks buying 90 Days/st. 1/6 1/4 1 & 2 months
1/6 9/32 3 to 6 months.
B C RATES. T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks sell T T 1/5 31/32 T T 1/5 31/32
Banks buy T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 1/8
LDN/NEW YORK dol. 4.02 1/2/3 1/2.
Banks sell T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4
Banks buy T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327.
LDN/MONTREAL dol 4.43/47
Banks sell T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buy T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs 298 1/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange: Dull.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.
Money :—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c. 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1 1/4 p c.
Tone :—Very Easy.

WALL STREET MARKET.
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.

U. S. Steel	58
Bethelehem Steel	64-3/8
N. Y. Central R. R. Com.	22-1/8
N. Y. Chicago St. Louis Pfd.	114-1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio R. R.	30
Chase National Bank	44
Nat. City Bank of N. Y.	43
General Motors	62-1/8
General Electric	37-3/4
Sun Life Assurance	280/295
Texas Corp.	47-1/4
Sinclair Oil	15-1/8
Anaconda Copper	27-3/4
Kennecott Copper	36-1/2
Int. Nickel	27-5/8
Amer. Tel & Tel.	163-3/8
Western Union 'A'	43-1/2
Consolidated Edison	24-1/4
Australia 5 p c 1955	100-1/4
Montgomery Ward	51

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FARMERS' CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH LITERACY DRIVE

Resolves To Spread Education And To Promote Social Relation

(From Our Correspondent)
DHULIA, Dec. 25.

The preliminary of the Maharashtra Literary Conference is nearing completion. In order that the children may be able to take part in the various programmes, the children will be admitted at an entrance fee of Re. 1. But the children are asked to produce certificates from their school principals for this purpose.

FARMERS' CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the West Khandesh Farmers and Gardeners was held under the presidentship of Mr. B. N Patil, Deputy, Secretary East Khandesh at Dhulia in the Dhulia Municipal Hall.

Over 300 representatives were present. Mr. Mali, pleader from Sunpur in the first instance made an introductory speech.

Several important resolutions such as spread of education and promotion of social relations were passed.

Baroda Inquiry Into Black Marketing

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, Dec. 27.

A message from Baroda states that Shrimant Maharaja has appointed a Committee to enquire into black marketing and to arrange distribution of grains and to fix the basis of buying from farmers. This Committee represents every class of people including Mr. M. S. Patel., President, Baroda Praja Mandal, Mr. Rasulkhan Pathan, President Muslim Conference, and Nagjibhai Arya. Two officers have been appointed on this Committee which will tour and submit a report within one month when orders will be issued.

C. P. And Berar Governor Going On Leave

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27.

His Excellency Sir Henry Twynam, Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar, will take four months leave during the summer of 1945 says a 'communique.' His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve that during his absence Mr. Frederick Chalmers Bourne, should act as Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar.

His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar has been consulted in regard to this appointment.

Mr. F. C. Bourne is at present Chief Secretary to the Punjab Government.—A. P.

Joint High Court For Deccan States

MIRAJ, Dec. 28.—The new scheme of a Joint High Court for the Deccan States prepared by Dr. M. R. Jayakar is supported by the President and other prominent members of the Deccan States' "Lokasabha" (People's Assembly), according to a statement issued by Pandit Satavalekar, President, and Mr. Sabde, Secretary. It is understood that a meeting of the Princes will be held in Bombay on Dec. 29, to discuss this scheme. It will also be discussed in the Kolhapur Residency on January 8 when Dr. Jayakar and other State Advisers are expected to be present.—A.P.

Burma' Ex-Premier's Assurance

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Sir Paw Tun, ex-Premier of Burma, speaking at a party given in his honour by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, India's Representative with the Government of Burma, to-day said that further Burma presented a hopeful and friendly outlook towards India.

He said that in the reconstruction programme of Burma "we have made the creed of charity as the platform of our future existence, and will receive you (Indians) with open arms."

India and Burma should work and march together for their common end, he added. India has given Burma the greatest of her blessings in the fields of culture, religion and economics. Indian and Burmese capital and labour should work hand in hand for the mutual benefit of each others.—A. P.

SAPRU COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR DELHI

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Chairman of the Conciliation Committee arrived here this morning.

Members of the Committee, who are in Dedlhi, had an informal meeting with Sir Tej later in the day.—

Mr. P. R. Das, member of the Sapru Conciliation Committee left for Delhi by the Punjab Mail this morning to attend the Conference of the Committee.

Mr. M. Yunus, another Member of the Committee from Bihar has been unable to attend due to illness.—A. P.

Clash During Mohurram Procession

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 28.

A communal clash is reported to have occurred at Mehsana in Baroda State during Mohurram procession when six persons were injured, three seriously. —A. P.

YEMEN NOTABLES FLEE TO EGYPT

Conditions In Country Going From Bad To Worse

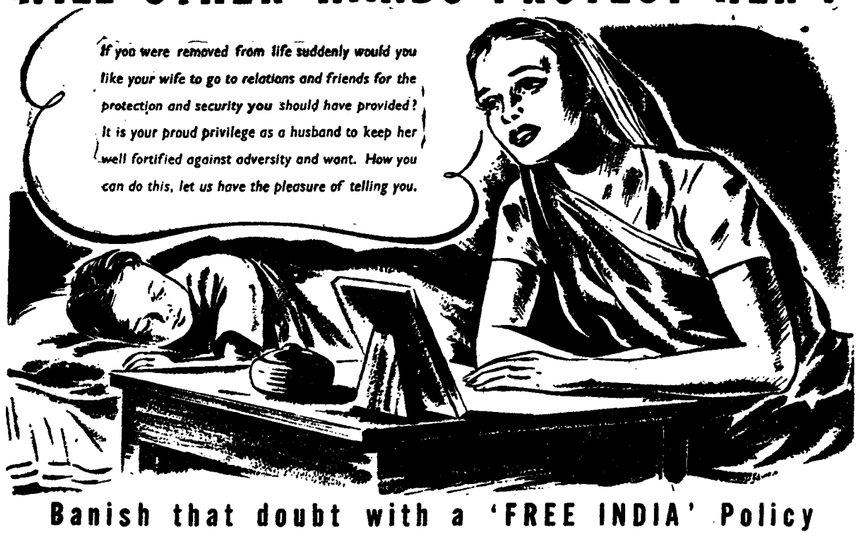
CAIRO, Dec. 27

A number of notables from Yemen have fled to Egypt and formed a political organisation called "Yemen Liberal Party". The ruler of the country, Imam Yahya Hamid Ud Din, has ordered the arrest of relatives of these notables and three of his own sons have also been put into prison.

It is believed the notables protested to the Imam against conditions in the country which are reported to have been going from bad to worse.—Reuter.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28.—By a small majority, members of the W.E.A.C. (War Economic Advisory Council) in Palestine be recommended to allow an increase of about 15 per cent in house rents. The rise would not be compulsory.

WILL OTHER HANDS PROTECT HER ?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By order of the Board,
HEERJI OOMERSEY & CO.,
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Bombay, 28-12-1944.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

In pursuance of Statute 135, Registered Graduates of the University of Bombay are hereby notified that applications for recording changes, if any, in the Electoral Roll of Registered Graduates should be made to the Registrar University of Bombay, not later than the 31st January, 1945. Applications received after the said date will not be attended to.

Copies of the existing Electoral Roll are kept in all the Colleges affiliated to the University and are available for reference at the Colleges.

By order
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 18th December, 1944.

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NOTICE

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By order of the Board,
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Bombay, 28th December, 1944.

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THE MORARJEE GOCULDAS SPG. & WVG. CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Morarjee Goculdas Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Soparibaug Road, Parel, Bombay, on Saturday the 13th January, 1945, at 3-0 p.m. (Standard Time) for electing Mr. Radhakisan Baijnath Makharia as a Director of the Company and to give consent to his being so elected a Director, in view of the fact that he holds office of profit under the Company, being a partner in the firm of Messrs. Baijnath Gangadhar, who are the Cotton Mucadums of the Company.

By Order of
The Board of Directors,
GANESHNARAYAN PIRAMAL,
Agents.

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BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, BOMBAY.

No. 20726|151.—With reference to the Commissioner of Police, Bombay's Notification No. 17069|151, dated the 21st October 1944, and in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902 (Bom. IV of 1902), the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has made the following additional rule:—

UNDER SECTION 22 (1) (b)

79. Regulation of traffic in Samuel Street—Samuel Street from its junction with Chinchbunder 1st Road to its junction with Masjid Bunder Road is closed to north-bound traffic, i.e. no entry from Masjid Bunder Road.

H. E. BUTLER,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office:
Bombay, 15th December, 1944.

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THE UDWADA VAPI ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the UDWADA VAPI ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1945 at 11-30 A.M. (S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company, Room No. 21, Central Bank Building, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1. To elect Mr. Dharamdas Hargovandas who vacates his seat under Article 114 of the Articles of Association and who is eligible for re-election.
2. To elect a Director in place of K.B., P.D. Patel, who retires by rotation under Article 124 of the Articles of Association of the Company, and who is eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting by the Chairman.

By order of the Board of Directors,
For Raiyomand Engineering Co.,
D. S. DAMANIA,
Partner,
Managing Agents.
Bombay, 28th December, 1944.

N.B.—The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 10th January, 1945 to Wednesday, the 24th January 1945 both days inclusive.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy numbered 421825 on the life of Mr. S. N. SHANBHAG GUDAL of 18th July 1934. Duplicate Policy will be issued unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date

(Sd.) H. E. JONES,
Manager.
Bombay, 29th December, 1944.

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ASHWIN INDUSTRIES LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the Ashwin Industries, Ltd., required to be held by section 79 of the Baroda State Companies Act S. 1975 will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Baroda on the 20th day of January, 1945, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes of considering the statutory report and of conducting all other business which ought to be conducted at such statutory meeting.

Notice is also given that at the aforesaid meeting the following matters will be considered and disposed of:—

(a) Permission to the present Managing Agents to assign their office to Dani Kanakia and Co., Ltd., a private limited company for the residue of their term subject to all obligations contained in their Managing Agency Agreement and subject to the modifications mentioned in item (b).

(b) That the several modifications to be made in the Managing Agency Agreement and set out in the statutory report be approved and a draft of the fresh agreement for appointing the said Dani Kanakia and Co., Ltd., embodying the said modifications a copy whereof may be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company, be approved and the Directors be authorised to execute the same.

(c) That Messrs. Dani Kanakia and Co., and the partners thereof be discharged from the date of the execution of the new Managing Agency Agreement from all liability under the old agreement

(d) That resignation of Mr. Jayant Mathuradas Dani as Managing Director be accepted and all acts done by him as such Managing Director be confirmed.

Dated this 25th day of December, 1944.

By Order of the Board
J. M. DANI.
Managing Director.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HAJRABAI, daughter of Haji Abdul Sattar alias Haji Mitha Haji Salehmahomed and OSMAN ALIMAHOMED have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from incumbrances:—

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen (14) days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived,

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house and a range of chawls standing therein situate, lying and being at Copper Smith Street of Kansara Moholla now known as Narayan Dhuru Street Tawa Gully in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement One hundred and ninety-four (194) square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. A|2700, New Survey No. part 2|1342 and Cadestral Survey No. 1225 of Mandvi Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "B" Ward No. 903, Old Street Nos. 26-30 & 20-30, New Street Nos. 70-72, 4-6, 8-10 and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by Narayan Dhuru Street, on or towards the West by the property of Haji Tar Mahomed Hamid and on or towards the North by the property of Mahomedally Rogay and on or towards the South by Tawa Street.

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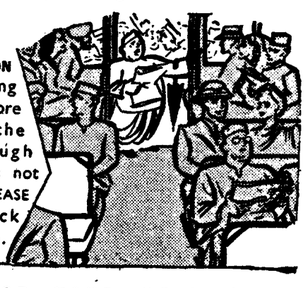

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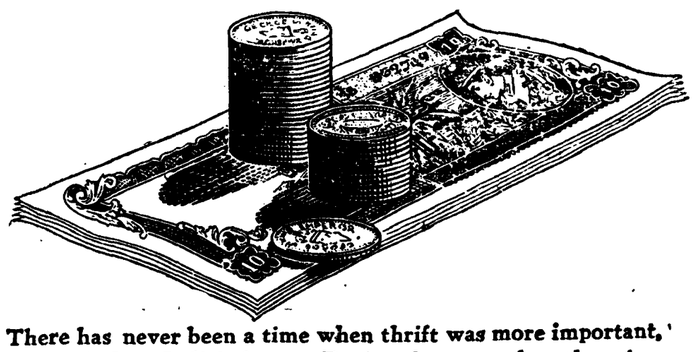

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